

# The Baptist Record

THY KINGDOM COME'

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## STUDY OF CONVENTION ACTION ON FOUNDATION REPORT IS URGED

Democracy in action fitly describes the decision of the Convention to lay the report of the Baptist Foundation Committee on the table for consideration at the next Convention. The action was wise. No program should be adopted until upon consideration and full and free discussion it secures the approval of the majority.

The brethren should now, however, without delay begin to make their own study of the proposal to the end that at the next Convention they will be prepared to vote their matured convictions as to how the denomination may best perform its Kingdom work in the particular field the Foundation would occupy.

The leader of those opposed to the Foundation has clearly stated what he asserts are reasons why the Foundation should not be established. At the beginning it may be of assistance for these to be stated so that during the year those who study the matter may determine for themselves whether the arguments are possessed of merit.

First, it was claimed that by establishing the Foundation the Convention would be creating a superboard.

The word "super" means above or over. The report of the committee will be printed in the Annual. A reading of it will clearly show the statement is not correct. The Foundation is given a distinct and a particular sphere of work. Its trustees will have no control over nor are they empowered to give any directions or orders to any other Board, institution or agency of the Convention. Its sole relation with the several institutions will be to regularly deliver to the trustees of each institution the income the Foundation receives for a particular institution from any endowment assets it holds for the institution. The trustees of the Foundation will hold the same relation to the Boards of Trustees of other institutions as these boards hold to each other. The Convention gives to each board a separate and distinct field of work. The constitution of the Convention amply provides for the establishment of

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## A VISITOR AT THE STATE CONVENTION

Charles Granville Hamilton

The Mississippi Baptist Convention is undeniably the major religious meeting of the year in Mississippi. Not only because it represents more members but because it has several features that most other religious gatherings lack. The Baptist State Convention is inspirational. It is directed at persuading local churches to carry out forward programs. There are some denominations where orders are sent out from their meetings, and they have no need to persuade anyone. The very democracy of Baptists makes the meeting more interesting. Speakers are inspiring and the convention is frequently lifted up spiritually. There is a wider range of speakers than in most similar meetings. And the whole work of Southern Baptists is highlighted in a far-flung panorama of presentation.

The Convention has one undoubtedly attraction which every denomination and some secular organizations would do well to copy. I refer to its short spaced schedule and punctual adherence to it. Many a religious meeting is ruined by some brother whose verbal longevity outspans his information. One reason many church meetings are dull is the long-winded orator who is always with us. The

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## HOW MY CHURCHES GREET THE NEW YEAR

B. B. Sawyer, S. B. T. S., Louisville, Ky.

Approximately two billion people will begin a New Year, January 1, 1942. The places, circumstances, attitudes and behaviours of these people as they enter into the New Year will greatly differ.

Millions will begin the new year out on earth's cold bosom of bloody battle fields. Thousands will start 1942 in drunken revelry in the liquor dives and roadhouses that litter our highways. . . .

How shall we as followers of our Lord Jesus Christ begin our new volume of three hundred and sixty-five clean pages January 1, 1942? As for me, I plan to begin my new year in my church.

I want to greet the New Year in my church. I want my first appearance, my first thought, my first word, and my first step in the new year to take place in my church. . . .

While the dance halls, road houses and all the destructive forces in our country are making their strong bid on this night for our young people, the church should counteract this by offering something better.

I want to spend my first dollar in 1942 in my church. The church of the Lord Jesus Christ is the greatest institution in the world and I am going to give the first dollar I spend in 1942 to this institution.

I am serving four one-fourth-time churches in Daviess county, Kentucky, in connection with my seminary work, and we are planning a combined new year's-eve service for these four churches, with special attention given the young people. And I am appealing to every member of these four churches to give the first dollar they spend in 1942 for the world-wide spread of the Gospel of Christ. This offering will be taken in the first few minutes of the New Year and sent as a special mis-

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## LETTER TO DAD FROM LOST AT SEA GIVES SON CREED OF AMERICAN

Arlington, Mass.—Five-year-old "Jackie" Shea read a letter Tuesday from his Navy-hero father.

His father was Comdr. John J. Shea, 43, killed aboard the aircraft carrier Wasp in the South Pacific and cited by his skipper for his heroism in the action. For many years he had been executive officer at Quantum naval air station.

### Written Last June

In the letter, written last June, Commander Shea asked his son to "pray for Daddy to come back, and if it is God's will that he does not, be the kind of boy and man your Daddy wants you to be."

The letter follows:

"Dear Jackie:

"This is the first letter I have ever written directly to my little son and I am thrilled to know you can read it all by yourself. If you miss some of the words, I am sure it will be because I do not write plainly. Mother will help you in that case, I am sure. . . .

### Why He Can't Be Home

"When you are a little bigger, you will know why your Daddy is not home so much any more. You will know we have a big country, and we have ideals as to how people should live and enjoy the riches of it, and how each is born with equal rights to life, freedom and the pursuits of happiness. Unfortunately, there are some countries in the world where they don't have these ideals, where a boy cannot grow up to be what he wants to be with no limits on his opportunities to be a great man, such as a

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## "TOUCH NOT MINE ANOINTED"

By Theodore Whitfield, Pocahontas, Miss.

Some thirty-five years ago I was pastor in a town in Mississippi where there were four saloons, together, of course, with the other evil places that go with drink. Along at election time, however, the better element of the town put out a reform ticket and I, being hot blooded, plunged in with all my might to help. I preached to the people on the subject, telling them definitely to vote for the candidates that seemed to be the most like Christ and saying to them that they would be guilty of the blood of our young people if they failed to remove from them the evil temptations that were in our town. We accomplished a lot, even if we did not quite carry the election. One of the saloon keepers was converted and indeed it was one of the most remarkable conversions that ever occurred in my ministry, and when he made his profession—having sold out his saloon and all—the church was crowded full and the aisles full and people all out at the windows to see him join the church. But listen to it—some couple of months after all this, I was dealt a knock-out blow by a member of the church, whose feelings I must have hurt in my zeal, and this member was none other than an old white-haired lady—aged in body indeed but vigorous a plenty in what she did.

The old lady—whom I shall call Sister "Tall"—for she was of that build—was the mother of one of the saloon keepers, though not the one converted and this saloon keeper whose name was George, a widower, lived with his mother, Sister "Tall"; and then there was in the home a fair-haired lad of twelve years and a member of our Sunday school, and his name was Ronnieboy. It was this old lady—Sister Tall—that dealt me the blow and here is how it happened. The church had the custom of the "annual call" of the pastor, to which I foolishly paid no attention, and so, while I was away preaching in another town, this annual date happened to come and the old lady seized upon the opportunity and on that prayer meeting night she rounded up a dozen or so of her pals that were members, people that never heretofore came to such meetings—children and the like—and in a surprise move, put over a motion to call some other man for pastor and left me out! When I returned I was met at the train by the organist who said to me, "Brother Whitfield, do you know that you are not our pastor any more?" I said to her, "How is that?" and she told me what had happened.

Well, I stayed on in the parsonage a month, for the new pastor could not come at once, and then

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## STUDENT NIGHT PROGRAMS READY

Student Night at Christmas time will be observed throughout the Southland on the night of December 27. Copies of the program and an attractive poster have been sent to pastors of all full-time churches as well as to college campuses. Pastors of part time churches are urged to send a postcard immediately to the Student Department of the Sunday School Board at Nashville for copies of the program to be used in their churches. This program honoring the students during the holiday season may be adapted to churches of any size. Along with colleges and high school students, the adult membership of the church will cooperate in this delightful feature promoted by the Student Department of the Southern Baptist Convention. Returning service men as well as college students may be appropriately recognized and happily used by the home church.

## Sparks and Splinters

**Rev. E. D. Estes**, state evangelist, recently assisted me in a meeting at Lorena. There were three additions to the church and 30 subscriptions to The Baptist Record. He also sold lots of books. At Beulah he helped me ordain three deacons, Guy McCantire, W. J. Richardson, J. H. Burnham.—D. W. Moulder.

The first week in November, I was with Pastor Leroy Boland and the good church at Isola in a revival meeting. During the revival three deacons were ordained. They were Brethren Bryson, Sorrell and Fancher. Pastor Boland will move on the field about January 1. He is a hard worker and is deeply concerned about all phases of our mission work to the ends of the earth. It was a real joy to be associated with him and to work with the people. Bro. Nowell of Tennessee conducted the singing in the revival.—J. B. Smith, Hollandale.

Total receipts for the past twelve months at the Calvary church, Jackson, were \$54,407.20. Of this amount, \$21,862.08 went to the building fund and \$9,922.92 was given to outside missions and benevolences. This doesn't include W. M. U. funds, amounting to \$1,856.89. During the past year 1,629 different people have contributed through church envelopes. There have been 321 additions during the year.

The many friends of Rev. A. B. Pierce, pastor of Crystal Springs Baptist Church, will sympathize with him in the recent passing of his father, W. A. Pierce, at Brookhaven. He was a member of Pearl Haven church.

Rev. C. Lee Bullard, pastor of Galilee Baptist Church, Gloster, has resigned, effective January 1, to accept the call to the First Baptist Church, Hammond, La.

We are carrying this week an account of the debt-free dedication of the First Baptist Church of Forest, and a history of the church. It is quite interesting. We hope none of our readers will miss it. Forest was the first church to which the present editor, as circulation manager, presented the now well known, popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan. They adopted it. This small expense of having this plan doesn't seem to have affected their giving, according to the account of the dedicatory exercises.

Dr. O. P. Moore, pastor at Moorhead, reports a cordial reception, open hearts and a full pantry upon his arrival at Moorhead.

Mrs. L. G. Hutson of Pearlhaven church in Brookhaven writes in complimentary terms of the work of her pastor, Rev. C. O. Lindsey. The church is making much progress.

Recently G. G. Hand sent us a nice list of subscriptions from Kokomo. There were 36 names on this list and he enclosed a money order for \$36.00. We prize this list greatly.

**Hazlehurst:** Our church gave to outside causes in November as follows: to the Cooperative Program, \$166.67; to Ministers' Retirement fund, \$7.76; to the Now Club, \$112.50; to Berry Memorial fund (the Blue Mountain College endowment fund), \$10; to State Missions (S. S.), \$50.99; to the Orphanage, \$51.20; making a total to all causes outside our own local work of the sum of \$399.12. This is splendid!—Reporter.

### POINTS OF EMPHASIS

for  
HIS CHURCHES  
in the  
1943 Soul Winning Crusade

1. Enter it.
2. Select help.
3. Appoint committees.
4. Announce it in each service.
5. Pray about it daily.
6. Put on Association Census.
7. Announce Soul Winning Study Course.
8. Organize an Andrew Club.
9. Give Plenty of Publicity to Meetings.
10. "We are workers together." II Cor. 6:1.

### IMPORTANT

#### TO MODERATORS AND CLERKS OF ASSOCIATIONS:

We will appreciate a copy of the minutes of all associations as soon as they are off the press. They are very essential in the Convention Board offices as we daily need to look up references about churches, pastors, and general information that these minutes furnish.

We will appreciate your usual fine cooperation in this matter.

D. A. McCall.

Recent visitors to The Baptist Record office included the following: Rev. Guy A. Little, Pinola; Wm. R. Dedrick, Gulfport; Rev. Billy Watson, Clinton; Rev. W. A. Green, Waynesboro; Rev. H. D. Boothe, Clinton; Rev. Wilbur Carpenter, Clinton; Rev. Chas. Whitten, Clinton; Rev. James B. Parker, Ripley; Dr. W. R. Cooper, Tylertown; Rev. B. E. Phillips, New Hebron; W. L. Green, Crystal Springs; H. L. Rhodes, Ackerman; W. L. Shumaker, Bay Springs; Rev. E. L. Byrd, Holly Springs; Dr. C. Lee Bullard, Gloster; Rev. R. W. Porter, Lambert; Rev. W. S. Allen, Pass Christian; Rev. A. B. Pierce, Crystal Springs.

W. E. Hudson sends us 13 subscriptions from Sylvarena. This is 50% of their resident families. We believe the other 50% would enjoy The Record too.

Pinola church, Rev. Guy Little pastor, has voted to hold their meeting one week before the time scheduled for Simpson county. Their meeting will be held the first week in February.

Attendance by soldiers at church services during August showed a marked increase over the month of July, according to a War Department compilation based on reports from all but sixty-four army chaplains.

Rev. Wilson W. Boggan has resigned his field of work in Simpson and Lincoln counties and accepted a field of work in Benton county, Arkansas. His address is Lowell, Ark. His churches are Lowell, Garfield and Gum Springs. The Baptist church in Lowell is the only active church in that town, and the nearest church to Garfield is twelve miles away.

Central Mississippi Baptist Pastors' Conference will meet on Monday, December 14, at First Baptist Church, Jackson. The general theme of the conference will be Evangelism. The following will have parts on the program: Pastors James Sullivan, Claud Bowen, I. F. Metts, A. S. Johnson, J. H. Street, C. L. McKay. Dr. Hewitt will entertain the pastors and their wives at luncheon immediately following the conference. Highlights of the luncheon program will be much by Henry Love; "The Pastor's Heard," by Dr. W. A. Hewitt, and "The Heart of a Pastor's Wife," by Mrs. L. W. Ferrell.

Mrs. S. R. Love, Jr., recently sent us five more subscriptions from New Hope near Meadville. We are looking forward to having all the families in this church on our mailing list.

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### FREE CHINA

(Foreign Mission Board)—From Free China we receive inspiring reports of the evangelistic campaign which has been going on for four months. Small teams of workers were organized, and given intensive training before they were sent out to reach every station and out-station, large or small, in the territory where Southern Baptists have work. There have been reported more than fifteen hundred baptisms and many other conversions. There has also been a definite deepening of the spiritual life of a large number of Christians. Many who formerly were merely nominal church members, have consecrated their lives anew to service for their Lord and Master. Truly "the harvest is great."

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Farmer: "See that pig? I call him Ink."

Boy: "Why? He's not black."

Farmer: "No, but he keeps running out of the pen."

### GASLESS SUNDAYS

While some Americans have less opportunity to observe the Lord's Day than they have ever had, others have the best opportunity to do so that they have ever had. Regardless of our opinions, the fighting men have to go on to battle on Sunday; and the men in the factories have to work on Sunday. But now that we have no gasoline to drive here and there on Sunday, we are left with the most favorable circumstances for Sabbath observance.

We can take the day calmly. There is no flurry of preparations to go visiting, picnicking, or touring. We can relax through long hours with the family. We can REST on the Lord's Day; and resting is one of the chief purposes of the day. The Hebrew word for Sabbath means "to cease, to rest from labor." Then, we can attend the services of the Lord's House. True, many will have to walk; but those in towns like ours can save enough gas to come to church, if they desire to do so. True, we shall have to "share the ride"; but why not? Haven't we become too separate, too independent, anyway? Why not stop and give your neighbor a lift on the way to church; why not ride with your friends when they graciously offer to carry you?

Let's make the most of gasless Sundays!—J. H. Street.

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SOLDIERS WANT GOSPEL—NOT JOKES

The following is part of a letter received by a father and mother in our church from a son in the service, and is released with their permission. The undersigned submits it as a fair sample of what he is led to believe is the conviction of the rank and file of Christians, in the service and out, and perhaps of lost people as well:

"They have a chaplain that comes around and holds services about twice a month. I don't care much for him, as he doesn't talk much on the Bible, and a good many of the fellows feel the same way I do. In other words, he doesn't give services as I think a servant of the Lord should. When a person goes to any service he expects to hear the word of God and not world events and jokes. There is a time and place for everything. When you try to mix fun with the services it just doesn't go together, no more than whiskey goes with gasoline."

From another boy in another camp comes the statement that his chaplain makes fine pep talks, but that that is not what the men need. They want the Gospel.

Thus I take it that the chaplain who preaches Christ has found the key to the service man's need, even as the civilian pastor with the same message meets the civilian need. There just doesn't seem to be any substitute for the old, old story—and no need of one.

B. Frank Smith, Durant.

(Note: Most Baptist chaplains that we know are serious-minded, consecrated gospel preachers. Those described above probably are not Baptists.—Editor.)

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Willie: "Daddy, what's a traitor?"

Politician: "A traitor is a man who leaves his party and goes over to the other side."

Willie: "Then what's a man who leaves his party and comes over to your side?"

Politician: "A patriot, my boy!"

### HELP WANTED

The war is affecting our working force; mail is often delayed.

We usually receive many Christmas gift subscriptions.

To avoid disappointment to yourself and those to whom you wish to send The Baptist Record as a Christmas gift, be sure to send your gift subscription early, very early, this Christmas. Right now is not too early.

You will help us and yourself, and even Uncle Sam by sending that gift subscription now.

## Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS." I Cor. 13:8b

**Jesus said, "I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH."** Mt. 16:18.  
"A good thing to remember,  
And a better thing to do,  
Is — work with the construction gang,  
Not with the wreckin' crew."

**I**  
We have been talking a great deal about PREPARING for the Evangelistic Crusade.  
Soon we will be IN IT! What then?  
1. Preach Christ. 2. Teach His word. 3. Call for decisions. 4. Confess sin. 5. Get other Christians to launch out into Christ's work. 6. Practice soul winning. 7. Ask God to start holy fires in our hearts and keep them burning. 8. Tell others what Christ has done for you.

### SOMEONE HAD PRAYED

The day was long, the burden I had borne  
Seemed heavier than I could longer bear,  
And then it lifted—but I did not know  
Someone had knelt in prayer—

Had taken me to God that very hour,  
And asked the easing of the load, and He  
In infinite compassion, had stooped down  
And taken it from me.

We can not tell how often as we pray  
For some bewildered one, hurt and distressed,  
The answer comes—but many times those hearts  
Find sudden peace and rest.

Some one had prayed, and Faith, a reaching hand,  
Took hold of God, and brought Him down that  
day!  
So many, many hearts have need of prayer—  
Oh, let us pray.

—Crowell.

### II

As Christians we not only have responsibility in bringing our tithes and offerings to the House of the Lord, but we need spiritual wisdom and honesty of purpose in seeing that His money is placed where it will produce in His Name.

Can God Almighty be pleased when we place His money where it does not bear fruit in His Name? We need to wisely invest His monies!

We think Matt. 25:14-30, the parable of the talents applies here: Two servants were wisely investing their talents and received the "well done" from their Lord.

One servant was a failure, simply because he did not place his talent where it would produce for the Lord.

As Baptists we can well afford to pray and study much at this point. It is easy to be governed by whims and fancies in such matters, rather than follow His Spirit. It is the difference between being carnal and spiritual!

### III

Sometime ago we were sitting beside two outstanding Christian men. One was a great teacher of the Bible, Dr. H. A. Ironside, Chicago. The other was a great layman, Mr. R. G. LeTourneau of the U. S. A.

The thought came to us, "What is the favorite scripture of each?" We just asked them for it along with their autograph. Dr. Ironside gave Isa. 60:1: "Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee."

Mr. LeTourneau wrote, Matthew 6:33: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and all these things shall be added unto you."

Marvelous testimony!

### IV

Someone asked us if we were going to "take out" for Thanksgiving. We did, in three delightful services. At County Line, Rankin Association, two congregations packed the church building, morning and afternoon. Pastor R. O. Bankston was happy, and rightly so. Two offerings were taken for the

work. Following the afternoon message they covered the windows and we showed pictures of India. We distributed a case of tracts. Two lost asked for prayer.

We drove on down that evening for a banquet and service at Williamsburg. Incidentally, they presented Pastor Anderson with a suit of clothes. He is a student at B. B. I. and doing good work at both places.

A grand Thanksgiving for us!

### V

Pastor Chester Quarles, his wife, and the church at Leland, are happy in a mutual fellowship. We were privileged to be present the day for closing their Every Member Canvass. The men as well as the women are responding, to the inspiration of the pastor. This is one of the strongest of our Lord's churches. Two additions.

### VI

For the information of Mississippi Baptists we are happy to inform you we have paid the \$3,000 to Mississippi Woman's College trustees for the Education Commission as per the special committee. This discharges in full our part of the obligation. We believe in playing the game according to the rules of the game. As Christians how can we afford to do less?

The amount came out of the Christian Education allotment.

### VII

The auditor is sick and the bookkeeping department is "snowed under" with work, so we take the responsibility of lifting some figures from the official audit, showing some totals in disbursements and balances.

	Paid out in 1942
Cooperative Program allotments	\$ 37,664.82
Education Commission—Christian Education	56,899.41
Executive Committee—Southern Baptist Convention	1,422.50
Mississippi Baptist Hospital	8,534.92
Mississippi Baptist Orphanage	4,267.44
Ministerial Education—students	37,664.82
State Missions	\$ 146,453.91

### TOTALS

	Paid out in 1942
Designated Gifts and Funds	\$ 130.50
Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans	18,796.99
Baptist Orphanage—Specials	294.13
Baptist Orphanage Building Fund	39,336.22
Foreign Missions—Special Account	18,658.01
Home Missions—Specials	4,696.93
Home and Foreign Missions	125.00
Margaret Fund	11,519.95
One Hundred Thousand Club	340.10
Relief and Annuity Board Fellowship Fund	21,546.47

### Relief and Annuity Board Retirement Payments

	850.60
W. M. U. Specials	2,190.00

### Relief and Annuity Board Accrued Interest

	18.83
State Missions Y. W. A. Camp Fund	5.00

	2.00
W. C. T. U.	3.10

	31.90
Immanuel Church, Hattiesburg, Miss.	7,206.05

	6.32
Carthage, Negro Boys' Building	3.04

	15.00
Military Camps Worship and Service	5.00

	65.72
Ministerial Students' Fund	42.60

	13.00
Mississippi Baptist Hospital Specials	6,321.21

	780.02
Relief and Annuity Retirement Incomplete	\$ 132,823.69

### Ministerial Education Special Gifts

	\$ 32,489.67
Promotional and Preaching	26,612.99

	102,498.56
Christian Education from Now Club	71,068.22

	7,888.33
*Balance payable October 31, 1941	24,418.23

	\$ 132,823.69
Designated Gifts Miscellaneous	\$ 132,823.69

### FIRST CHURCH AT LAUREL FEELS WAR'S EFFECT—MINISTER OF MUSIC JOINS COAST GUARD

We are directly or indirectly feeling the war. In addition to the ninety-odd boys we have in the armed forces, our Fred Scholfield has tendered his resignation as Educational and Music Director to enter the service of the coast guard. He has done a splendid work with us. His place will be hard to fill. No pastor ever had a more faithful and loyal helper than this one has had. Together with his accomplished and cultured wife they have been a great team. We will miss them greatly and will follow them with our sympathy, prayers and best wishes. We thank God for this fine family in our midst for the past two years. God's blessings on them.

Sincerely,  
L. G. GATES, Pastor.

\*Distribution is usually made the 2-5 of each month so these monies were awaiting that distribution.

### VIII

At this time we are issuing checks in payment of the \$20,000 December bond and interest maturities. We expect to complete this transaction without borrowing money.

All this is because of the generous support given to this work by Mississippi Baptists.

We will pay the bonds off as you send the money in. We also contribute to the same cause.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS ARE ON THE MARCH!

### IX

Mississippi Baptists are noted for "playing the game" according to the rules of the game. More and more are Mississippi Baptists and churches sending contributions through this office that His churches may receive the testimony of faithful service.

Our leaders "play the game." Mr. Mize, efficient superintendent of our Orphanage, is constantly bringing in offerings secured on the field.

Blue Mountain College leaders have encouraged friends sending large and small contributions to send them through this office.

"We are workers together." II Corinthians 6:1. The devil cannot beat a people surcharged with a cooperative spirit in Christ like that! Galatians 5:22-26.

### X

Mississippi Baptists may well be happy over the conduct of affairs in this office through the years. No betrayal through the years has occurred in the matter of handling funds. The disciples of our Lord and of Mississippi Baptists in this office through the years have been faithful to their trust.

By the way, was Judas a layman, or a preacher? Two laymen betrayed Southern Baptists, not preachers of His Gospel. They were not secretaries in either case.

We cannot think of a more revolting suggestion than that of stealing (let us call it that it is) money with the blood of Christ on it, and the sweat and tears of His followers behind it.

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Customer: "You're sure one bottle will cure a cold?"

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### WHY THE DISCRIMINATION?

The chaplain of the United States Senate is Dr. Frederick B. Harris. The chaplain of the House of Representatives is Dr. James S. Montgomery. Both of these chaplains are ministers of the Methodist Episcopal church.—Exchange.

The Senate seems to think that the Baptists, Presbyterians and other denominations are short on preachers capable of filling this position.

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### SUNDAY DECEMBER THIRTEENTH IS AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY DAY

At the recent State Convention a resolution was passed endorsing the work of the American Bible Society and urging that a Sunday be set aside as a day for a special offering for the work of the Bible Society.

Sunday, December 13, has been selected as the day for the special offering. Quarter and half-time churches should use the Sunday most suitable.

We heard a speaker at the San Antonio meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention say that Southern Baptist support of the American Bible Society was pitifully small. In fact, almost so small as to require a microscope.

Our readers are familiar with the work that this great organization does. It needs no eulogy from us. But we do want to urge every Baptist Record reader to see that an offering is taken in his church. Money given to help circulate the Bible is money given to a good cause.

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### HELP MAKE CHRISTMAS BRIGHTER

There is no better time than during the Christmas season to bring cheer to the hearts of many less fortunate than you. We have the names of several people who would like to have The Baptist Record, who are unable to pay for it. Some are widows, some aged preachers and others are those just less able than many of our readers.

Hardly a day passes but what we have a heart breaking letter from some person who is unable to renew their subscription.

To you who are more fortunate we make this appeal: Send us \$1.00 for an eight months' subscription or \$1.50 for a twelve months' subscription. Designate whether you wish it to go to a widow, some aged preacher or to a person of our choice. We will send you the name of the person receiving the subscription.

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### DON'T TAKE UNFAIR ADVANTAGE OF YOUR PASTOR

It has been true in some cases in the past, and we fear will be more true in the future—making taxi drivers out of pastors.

As a pastor we were often called upon by members to take them to visit someone, to take them to the hospital, or some other place. We have even had car owners to do this.

Now that gas rationing is to go into effect, pastors are going to be restricted in the use of their cars. Extra gas for long funeral trips will not be provided.

We urge everyone to spare their pastor. Don't call on him to take the place of a taxi driver. If you need to go some place, try every other plan before calling the preacher. Why not ask your neighbor?

We heard of one person, well off in material possessions, who called her pastor to take her to the hospital to visit a sick relative. She then asked him to come back and take her home. On the way home she said, "I could have called a taxi but in these war times we should save all we can."

Don't impose on your pastor.

### THE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Blue Mountain is a Christian college.

The Christian college is the oldest institution of higher learning in America. Before there had been state universities or other institutions of college rank it had been founded. For more than three hundred years it has served its country well. Three centuries of achievement indicate its right to be.

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The Christian college trains for service. Through it, culture dominates the work of the world. It gives leadership to the nation. Upon it the denomination depends for its homemakers, its preachers, its teachers, its missionaries—all its leaders, in greater proportion than from any other source.

The Christian college deserves your support. It receives from each student less than the cost of what it gives. From it the poor are not turned away. It still looks to you, the members of the denomination, to make this possible. It is sore pressed today.

Blue Mountain College is a Christian college. It needs your prayers and your gifts.

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### "FINISH THE TASK"

The article entitled "Finish the Task," by Dr. R. B. Gunter, in last week's Baptist Record, was both timely and truthful. It is not our purpose to restate the reasons which he gives for finishing the task. Our main purpose is to urge anyone who failed to read that article, to do so—and without delay.

Surely, Dr. Gunter, who for seventeen years led Mississippi Baptists as executive secretary, and some of those years were times of testing and trial because of the darkness and desperation and disappointments of depression days. Surely such training qualifies Dr. Gunter to speak with experience and authority.

With Dr. Gunter we join in urging Mississippi Baptists to consider carefully and prayerfully the matter of finishing the task.

In this connection, we rejoice with our Texas brethren in the fact that they have practically completed paying off their denominational debts of nearly \$400,000. We look at them not with covetousness, but with slightly envious eyes and wish that we, too, might proclaim to the world that Mississippi Baptists are out of debt. We do not wish that Texas were out of the boat, but that we were in the debtless boat with them. And we can be. Probably not for many years will such an opportunity for getting out of debt present itself.

LET'S FINISH THE TASK.

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### Our Contributed Editorial

BY INVITATION OF THE EDITOR

By this means we hope to give our readers a cross section of Mississippi Baptist thought.

#### OUR RICH INHERITANCE

J. H. Pennebaker

When we hear the word "inheritance" it suggests immediately something of a material nature—money, land, stocks and bonds, or real estate. One of the most popular current programs on the air is that one which broadcasts information on unclaimed estates, and has enabled hundreds of thousands of dollars to be placed in circulation. But vastly more important than tangible assets are a good name, pure blood, a healthy body, and a clean mind. Lack of these cannot be compensated for by material wealth, no matter of what nature, or of what amount. A good name dragged in the

mire, a healthy body weakened by disease and dissipation, a mind distorted by wrong thinking, none of these can be fully regained no matter how earnestly and sincerely their restoration may be desired.

Esau sold his birthright for a mess of pottage, and when the full realization of what he had done broke upon him, he tried to get back what he had so lightly thrown away, but he could not, even though he sought it with tears. Every day there comes to our attention the story of someone who has wasted his inheritance, whether of wealth or something more valuable. Just recently the press carried the story of a fistic champion who, a year or so ago, was headed for the top, but glorying in his strong, God-given body, and denying that late hours and dissipation could hurt him, he is today on the toboggan.

In America today we are engaged in a feverish activity to provide men and equipment so that the conflict into which we were thrust may be brought to as early a conclusion as possible. The inventor, the scientist, and the manufacturer are in the forefront today, and our vast resources are being used in quantities that almost stagger our imagination. There is a danger to guard against, namely, to exalt our resources of material nature and those who can make the most use of them so highly that we shall think of our nation's greatness as consisting solely of these. We need to pause and remind ourselves that we stand in the very front rank of the nations of the world today, not because of our great natural resources, but because in a little more than a century and a half of our existence as a nation our forefathers wove their Christian ideals and principles into the very fabric of our commonwealth. Washington, Lincoln, Wilson, and others like them are a part of our rich inheritance as a nation. Washington, the Christian, as we glimpse him on his knees in the snows at Valley Forge, and as the chief executive of the nation praying for guidance, reminds us of our gratitude to him. Well might we paraphrase the words of Wordsworth regarding Milton: "Washington, thou shouldst be living at this hour. America hath need of thee."

But as Christians we cannot think solely of our inheritance as citizens. The world is too much with us. Our eyes and ears are under a severe strain these days, and we need to rest them by listening to the small voice, and looking beyond the present to our rich inheritance as Christians, citizens of the kingdom of God. The apostle Peter has described this inheritance as "incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you . . ." In contrast to an earthly inheritance, it cannot disintegrate, or waste away. Who can aver that he is financially secure, no matter how long he will live? But if we are truly born again we know we have an inheritance incorruptible. It is likewise undefiled. The taint of theft, or deceit, or oppression often clings to an inheritance that is handed down from one generation to another. Not so with the Christian's inheritance, for it was purchased by Christ Himself and is therefore pure. Too, it doesn't fade like the laurel or bay wreath bestowed on the victor, but shines brighter with each passing day. Finally, it is reserved in heaven for every one who by faith is a joint heir with Christ to all things. Like seats at a concert, it is reserved for the rightful claimant. Our high esteem for our inheritance as citizens is best shown by cheerfully obeying the nation's laws, and we can in like manner show our esteem for our heavenly inheritance by serving Christ from the heart.

October 25th to November 1st, it was my privilege to be with Rev. W. R. Storie and the good people of Itta Bena in another revival. Several accepted Christ and some came by letter. One fine young man surrendered to preach the Gospel. The church under the fine leadership of its pastor, had just the week before, raised the cash and paid off the entire church debt which was \$4,450. They have a beautiful building, well equipped, and a splendid organization functioning in a fine way. We predict still greater things for them at Itta Bena. Rev. E. C. Edwards conducted the singing. He and Pastor Storie are great souls to work with. It was a most pleasant week.—J. B. Smith, Hollandale.

## VALUABLE HELPS FOR STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEES

Layman Tithing Foundation, which cooperates with all denominations, will send, for one dollar, to any committee or individual, a package containing over 550 pages of pamphlets, bulletins and tabloids, also a copy of "A Lad's Lunch," stewardship stories just off the press (ages 4-15), by Dr. John E. Simpson, author of six books on stewardship. Also instructive circular price lists with special offers and suggestions for tithing campaigns. The price is less than the cost of production.

The church that is carefully, wisely and systematically taught to tithe will become a tithing church, free from financial difficulties. Sample package \$1.00.

Please mention The Baptist Record and also give your denomination.

**LAYMAN TITHING FOUNDATION**  
740 Rush Street  
Chicago

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**Rev. S. B. Cooper**, formerly pastor of Calvary church, Tupelo, has just closed his first year as pastor of 35th Avenue church, Birmingham, Ala. From the church bulletin we glean the following facts: There have been 94 additions to the church membership, the church has been redecorated, a Hammond electric organ has been installed and \$300 per month has been paid on the church debt.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PASTORS

**What is the EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record?**

The sending of The Baptist Record to each resident reasonably active family of the church by the month, at the rate of eight and one-third cents per month or \$1.00 per year. Names may be added or removed at any time.

**What is the Official Family Plan?**

The sending of The Baptist Record to each family represented by the pastor, deacons, Sunday school officers and teachers, W. M. U. officers, and general B. T. U. officers. The cost is eight and one-third cents per family per month, or \$1.00 per year.

**What is the Fifty Per Cent Plan?**

If one-half or more of the resident families subscribe the rate is \$1.00 per year.

**Will My Church Benefit by Adopting the EVERY FAMILY or Official Family Plan?**

We have received hundreds of letters from pastors whose churches have adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan that attendance is better, finances increased and the people are more interested in the work. One pastor declared that he could not have built a new church on the pay-as-you-go plan without the EVERY FAMILY Plan. Is it not significant that many of the largest giving churches (1941) were EVERY FAMILY churches?

**How are Payments Made?**

1. EVERY FAMILY and Official Family churches are sent a monthly statement. Monthly payments are the usual way. However, some churches ask for and are granted more time.

2. Individual subscriptions are cash in advance.

**Are EVERY FAMILY and Official Family Plan Payments Payable in Advance?**

No. They may be paid during the month. But they may be paid in advance if the church desires.

**When is the Best Time to Begin the EVERY FAMILY or Official Family Plan?**

NOW! If it is a good plan, the sooner the better!

For Further Information Write  
**THE BAPTIST RECORD, Jackson, Miss.**

## Pastoral Problems

By Norman W. Cox

## WHAT TO PREACH—THE BARREL

Many a preacher has ruined his preaching by too frequently preaching out of "the barrel." "The barrel" is an expression among preachers that describes his stock of old sermons. That is, the notes or manuscripts of sermons that he has previously preached. Any preacher who has preached for ten years or more has several hundred old sermons. I have sermon notes that reach back for twenty-five years. There must be around three thousand of them. I could preach a sermon every Sunday for the next ten years and not prepare a single new one.

However, old sermons are like bread, they grow stale. Naturally, we have some sermons that we preachers preach again and again in different places.

But a preacher is committing slow preaching suicide whenever he begins to regularly preach to the people of his church the sermons he preached to other congregations in other pastorates. I have witnessed the serious preaching deterioration of a good many preachers because of this. It is a blessed truth that the gospel does not change. It is also true that a preacher's knowledge and appreciation of it should grow and be enriched through the years. The good Lord wants us preachers to give to our people the beaten oil of His truth that we have freshly learned from study, meditation and prayer.

I am a poor example, but I do have this good habit. I never, after I have been in a pastorate as long as six months, allow myself to preach an old sermon more than once a month. The others that I preach are new ones that have come as a result of prayer, study and serious toil. By following this process a preacher will not grow stale, his preaching will be fresh and will grow in spiritual vitamins that will nourish the souls of his hearers. The wise preacher will beware of the barrel.

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## Tithing Corner

In the 3rd chapter of Malachi God makes a proposition. He says, "Prove me now." Give me a trial. Put me to the test.

I want to say I have put God to the test in the matter of tithing, and not once has He failed me. He has always stood the test.

The greatest blessing from God's open windows is just the blessing of giving. The peace and satisfaction deep down inside, of knowing that the little I have in my hand, if laid on God's altar, will at the same time help carry on His work and add to my bank account in heaven.

One Saturday it was a choice between paying our pledge and buying flour. We paid our pledge and ate cornbread for Sunday. The following week more than ten times that amount came in through the sale of some turnip seed we had gathered, but had not expected to sell.

Last year shortage of funds made it seem wise to cut my regular gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. But, seeing the needs were greater, I gave more. God says, just try me and see. In a little while a check came in the mail from an unexpected source for one and one-half times as much as I gave. Just dropped out of God's window.

My husband is afflicted. Our income is small. I wish I could tell you how our income has stretched to provide so many of the comforts of life. I am sure all our income would not buy as much as we can get with what we have left after we give. God really knows business. He is a good partner. Won't you try Him and see?—Mrs. J. R. Copeland, Bucatunna, Miss.

## THE PASTOR'S OBLIGATION TO HIS SERVICE MEN

William Herschel Ford, Jacksonville, Florida

The church of which I am pastor has eighty-six men and one woman (WAAC) in the service of Uncle Sam. Every week we hear of two or three new ones who have answered the call. They are gone, but they are still our responsibility. Many of these men are far away from home. They need our ministry more than ever. They need to know that their home church and pastor are thinking of them and praying for them as never before.

In an effort to help other pastors help their service men, I am telling below what our church is doing to keep these men tied tightly to their church back home. The purpose of our efforts is two-fold: First, to give the men courage, confidence, comfort and hope right now; and, second, to help them to have such an attitude toward their church at home as to bring them back one day to love and serve Christ through the church in a better manner than before.

1. **We send them our church bulletin.** This newsy little paper gives them an idea of what's going on in their home church. Their names are often mentioned in the bulletin.

2. **We send them our state paper.** This paper always includes several inspirational articles which are good for the men. (And how a Baptist service man enjoys his home paper!—Ed.)

3. **We write to them each and every week.** Every Sunday the pastor gives out eighty-seven names to his members, who in turn write to the service men that week.

4. **We send them an identification card.** These cards can be obtained free from the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee.

5. **We send them a copy of the daily devotional book, "STRENGTH FOR SERVICE TO GOD AND COUNTRY."** This fine book, bound in blue for the Navy, and khaki for the Army, can be secured for 75 cents each or \$7.50 per dozen.

6. **The names of the men**, in alphabetical order, are published in each Sunday's bulletin in a prayer list—one man for each day of the week.

7. **A special prayer is offered** for the men each Sunday night by a layman, and very often they are mentioned in other prayers. The pastor is constantly writing these men, for many of them are writing to him.

Now how are these service men responding to our efforts? Every week we receive letters of appreciation from them. They are really proud of their home church. And many, many of them are saying this: "I appreciate my church more than ever. I wish I had been more faithful when I was at home. But we have a little job to do and when it is over, you'll see me there bright and early every Sunday morning."

May God bless all those who serve their country, whether they be in the air or on the sea or under the sea, in England, Australia, Alaska, Hawaii, the Solomon Islands, the Philippines, or in an American camp. And may it be His good pleasure to bring them safely home to us, for a lifetime of good service to the Master of ocean and earth and sky.—Western Recorder.

## DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR

## December

Evangelism.

Christmas Program.

Lottie Moon Foreign Mission Offering, November 30-December 4.

Complete Every Member Canvass.

Mississippi Baptist Convention Board Meeting.

Cooperative Program Emphasis.

Now Club Emphasis.

Tithes and Offerings According to the Scriptures.

Student Night at Christmas, December 27.

Note: Get Ready for the Great State-Wide Evangelistic Campaign in 1943.

## GOING PLACES

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

### Another Church Joins the Growing List of EVERY FAMILY Churches

This time it is Vardaman, Rev. Jesse S. Dorroh, pastor. His predecessor, Carmen Savell, who recently entered the armed service as chaplain, had hoped to lead the church to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan, but was called to the army before this was accomplished. However, the new pastor, Brother Dorroh, lost no time in leading Vardaman to adopt this popular and progressive plan that is helping so many Baptist churches



Rev. Jesse F. Dorroh

throughout Mississippi. Thus Vardaman joins the growing list of churches that have adopted this popular and progressive plan that has proven such an excellent pastor's assistant.

Writing about the work there, Pastor Dorroh says, "We feel that The Baptist Record will be a great help to us in our work here."

Calhoun county Baptist Record readers are now listed as follows: BETHANY 11, BRUCE 141, CALHOUN CITY 65, College Hill 8, DERMA 54, PITTSBORO 18, Shiloh 8, Spring Hill 1, Oldtown 4, Rocky Mountain 9, Macedonia 6, Pleasant Ridge 3, MT. MORIAH 22, Sarepta 2, MERIDIAN 10, VARDAMAN 64, GASTON SPRINGS 15, Oak Grove 5, BETHEL 12.

### Pastor's Members Appreciate Record

"You know that it is very difficult for a pastor to express just how valuable The Baptist Record really is to his church. The members continue to express their appreciation for it."—Tom L. Pfeifer, pastor. (He has all his churches on the EVERY FAMILY Plan.—A. L. G.)

### Money Well Spent

Recently a consecrated Christian brother in an eastern Mississippi county wrote us as follows:

"Please send The Record to the following families for three months. These people need The Record."

"I am enclosing a money order in payment for this list of names."

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### THE PLAN WORKED

Enclosed you will find a money order for \$16.00 (sixteen dollars) for a year's subscription to The Baptist Record for all our active families. The names and addresses are on a separate sheet. Your plan worked. We "just tell them and everyone subscribes." It has been lots of "fun" to see the ready response. We know we can and will be better Missionary Baptists for reading our paper.

Yours in the cause,

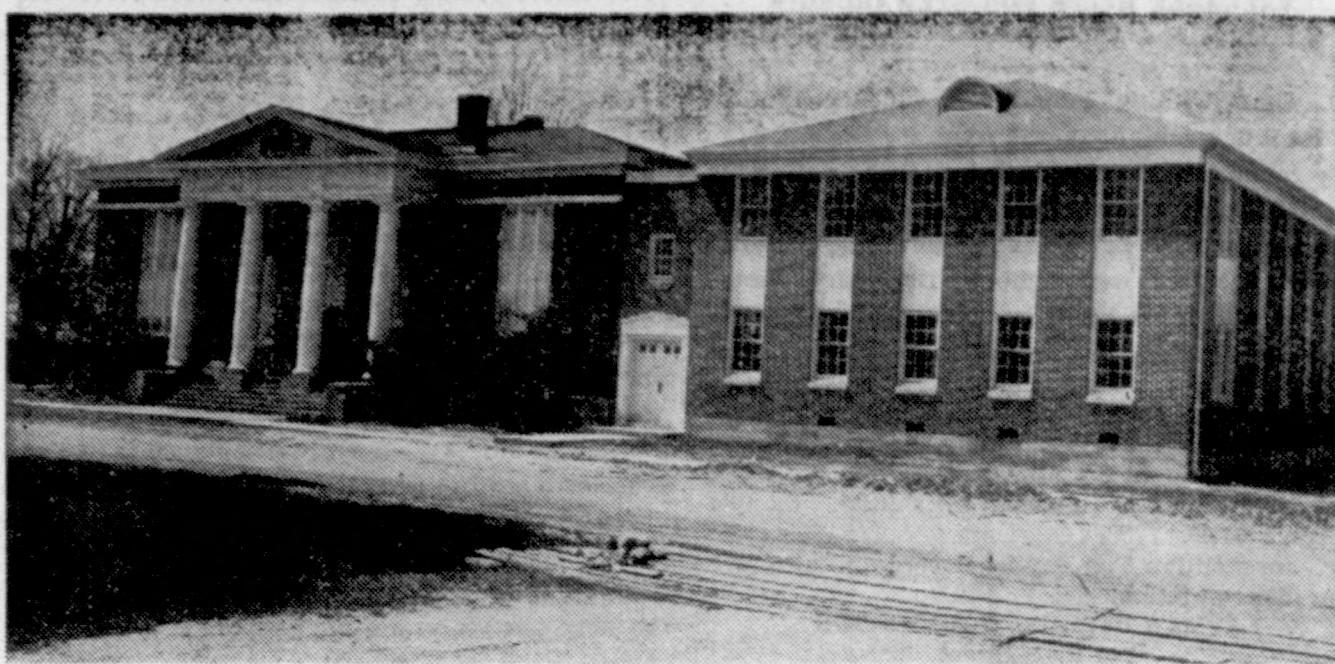
MRS. A. O. McDADE,

Shaw, Miss. R.

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On Sunday, November 29, the offering at Newton for the building fund was \$1400.00 cash, with more coming in.—R. A. Morris.

To the Members of the New Hope Baptist Church, Sunflower Association: You will receive The Baptist Record for a month. This is your Christmas present from your church provided by an interested friend.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

### DEDICATORY SERVICE AT FOREST

One of the happiest occasions in the life of the Forest Baptist Church, was that of Sunday, November 29, when we were enabled to announce to the world that we were free of the debt of our educational annex.

This last payment was made possible through the generosity of Mr. S. E. Lackey giving an additional four hundred dollars, thus cheering the hearts of all of our members, and encouraging us with a sense of freedom to begin other much needed work. This debt has not decreased our offerings for missions, but we feel that all departments will be strengthened.

Through the suggestion of our deeply-loved pastor, Rev. B. W. Walker, Dr. A. B. Wood (ex-pastor), now of Charlotte, N. C., was invited to preach the dedicatory sermon, which was a masterpiece, and greatly appreciated by the congregation.

The musical program prepared by Mrs. H. E. Bishop and her helpers was worshipful and appropriate.

The impressive ceremony of burning the note and deed of trust was conducted by Brother W. A. Goodwin.

The educational annex is thoroughly modern and has an auditorium and fifteen class rooms, with a gas heating system; the building is thoroughly departmentalized. The church is progressing in a splendid way under the leadership of Brother Walker, the pastor, making rapid advancements in all its departments. The spirit is fine, all services well attended, and it looks as if we will soon have to enlarge our auditorium.

Our pastor conducts wonderful mid-week prayer services, and on Saturday afternoons his services on court square for our soldier boys are Spirit-filled and helpful to all who attend. In this issue are the program of dedicatory service and "History of the Baptist Church of Forest," which was organized in 1867.

MRS. J. KENT.

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This week we received a nice list of subscriptions from Darling. Credit for this goes to Mrs. W. E. Simpson.

Dr. O. J. Steger, pastor of South Side church, Covington, Ky., writes: Evangelist Paul Montgomery and his wife have just closed a glorious revival here in our church. Every service was highly charged with spiritual power. The messages were of a highly purposeful nature, aiming at results and getting them. The church has been greatly strengthened and built up, backsliders in and out of the church reclaimed, many souls converted to our God as some of the results of the meetings. The work of the pastor has been made more delightful, leaving us no problems, which can and often do follow the evangelistic efforts. Paul Montgomery is God's man, doing God's work, in God's way, at God's appointed time. No pastor need fear these yoke-fellows.

### HELP BUILD GOOD WILL

William C. Kernan

For a number of years some people, in the church and out of it, have been hostile to foreign missions. They have pleaded that since there is enough missionary work to be done at home—and there is no denying that—it is inexpedient to send missionaries to foreign lands. But the missionaries and those who supported them have answered that Christ commanded His disciples to "go . . . and teach all nations," and besides they have said that taking the gospel to the whole world should not be deferred until the western nations had become perfect.

The wisdom of this course has long since been apparent to many, but it is only recently that prominent American spokesmen have called attention to the salutary effects of foreign missions upon international relations. About two years ago, Mrs. Clare Boothe Luce, dramatist, lecturer, and now congresswoman from Connecticut, returned from a trip to China with the pronouncement that the Chinese were our friends because of the missionaries we had been sending to them all these years. And only last month, Mr. Wendell Willkie, reporting to the nation on his trip around the world, said that "there exists in the world today a gigantic reservoir of good will toward . . . the American people." First on the list of causes for the existence of this reservoir of good will Mr. Willkie placed "the hospitals, schools and colleges which Americans—many of them missionaries—have founded in the far corners of the world."

In short, the work of our missionaries is bearing fruit. It is creating good will at a time when good will and international understanding are at a premium. To be sure, this is not its only fruit. But it is a very important one at the present time.

It could not have been otherwise. For the missionaries went to those foreign lands in the service of God and man. They carried no racial prejudices with them. They knew men not as black or yellow or brown, but only as men, God's children and their brothers, who needed the Gospel of Christ. In their hospitals men with black skins received all the help and all the tenderest attention that the missionaries could give them. And in their schools and colleges yellow children and young people were patiently instructed with all the skill that the missionaries could command. In their churches all were welcome. They were breaking down the prejudices that separate men. They were building up a reservoir of good will. And, whether or not they knew it, they were building the framework of a world democracy, since democracy depends upon the recognition of the principle that all men are equally members of the human brotherhood.

We can learn from them. The missionaries interpreted Christianity, and the best that is in America, to their neighbors in other lands. At the moment we have the opportunity to do the same thing for our neighbors at home. It is more than an opportunity. It is a responsibility.

**LETTER FROM DAD LOST AT SEA GIVES SON CRED OF AMERICAN**

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great priest, statesman, doctor, soldier, business man, etc.

"Because there are people and countries who want to change our way of life, we must leave our homes and families to fight. Fighting for the defense of our country, ideals, homes and honor is an honor and duty which your Daddy has to do before he can come home to settle down with you and mother. So wait just a little while longer. I am afraid it will be more than the two weeks you told me on the phone.

"In the meantime, take good care of mother. Be a good boy, and grow up to be a good young man. Study hard when you go to school. Be a leader in everything good in life. Play fair always, strive to win but if you must lose, lose like a gentleman, and be a good sportsman. Don't ever be a quitter, either in sports or in your business or profession when you grow up. Get all the education you can. Stay close to mother and follow her advice. Obey her in everything, no matter how you may at times disagree. She knows what is best and will never let you down or lead you away from the right and honorable things of life. If I don't get back, you will have to be mother's protector, because you will be the only one she has. You must grow up to take my place as well as your own in her life and heart. . . .

"Kiss mother for me every night. Goodbye for now with all my devotion for mother and you.

"Your Daddy."

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**"TOUCH NOT MINE ANOINTED"**

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I was called by another church and then later came as pastor to the McComb church here in Mississippi. Six years passed by, and suddenly one night in McComb a young man, a hobo, was killed by the train in the railroad yards there, and who was that young man but Ronnieboy!

Another surprise followed in a few weeks, namely, a letter came from old Sister Tall, reading: "Dear Brother Whitfield: Since you left our town things have gone hard with me. Son George is dead." Yes I knew about that; namely, that he had been shot dead over a gambling table in his saloon. Then the letter continued: "Furthermore I have grown quite feeble and I am in straitened circumstances and Ronnieboy was my dependence for old age and now he is dead, and I am asking you, Brother Whitfield, to help me by going to the I. C. Railroad there where Ronnieboy was killed by their train and get them to pay me some damages for his death." I was obliged to write her, however, as follows: "Dear Sister Tall: The I. C. Railroad was not to blame for Ronnieboy's death, for, as you know, Ronnieboy was hoboing on the train when he was killed, so there is nothing I can do for you."

That is what I wrote her, although I really wanted to write her as follows: "Sister, you were to blame for your son George's death, and you are now to blame for Ronnieboy's death. I was trying to save the men and boys from temptation and ruin, and you struck me a blow from behind so that now I can do nothing for you." Now, the world would say that all this seeming retribution just by chance happened to the old lady. But I believe the hand of the Lord brought it about. Just list the facts: After six years I was brought to be stationed as preacher at McComb—a point 400 miles from the Missouri town. By that time and to coincide with it Ronnieboy had grown to young manhood, had learned to gamble and drink, and, becoming disgusted with life, had turned to hoboing. So, guided by the hand of remember fate, he wends his way down through Arkansas, then through Memphis, and then 300 miles due south to the town of McComb where the said preacher was, and there to be crushed by a train and die at the feet of the man his grandmother had smitten. Not only was her sin visited on one of her children's children, but I fear that on that casket that carried the broken body of the boy back to the old lady in Missouri—instead of the words "At Rest"—I say I fear there was written by the "unseen hand" the inscription, "Touch not mine anointed and do my prophets no harm."

**STUDY OF CONVENTION ACTION ON FOUNDATION REPORT IS URGED**

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the Foundation and any other board the Convention deems necessary in the furtherance of its work.

Second, it was stated that the creation of the Foundation would endanger the standing of the colleges with the standardization associations. Such has not been the result in other states, notably Texas where the Baptist Foundation administers the endowment assets of Baylor University and the other colleges. It is no concern of these associations whether the Convention, which owns the colleges, directs that their endowments be handled by this board or by that board. Their sole concern and requirement is that an endowment of a certain amount be provided for such institution.

Third, it was claimed that if the Foundation were established, the charter of Mississippi College would have to be amended, and if this charter were amended all the existing provisions of that charter would be lost, particularly a provision which was stated to be therein relating to the sale of liquor in Clinton.

If those who investigate the matter will make inquiry of any lawyer, we believe they will be informed that even if it should be necessary to amend the charter of Mississippi College, such amendment will not in any way affect the remaining provisions of the charter. In other words, a charter is not destroyed by amending it.

Investigation will further disclose that there is no provision in the charter of Mississippi College relating to the sale of liquor. Presumably this statement was made under the assumption that Chapter 342 of the Laws of Mississippi of 1854 is a part of the charter of the college. This is not so. This is simply an act for the benefit of Mississippi College relating to the sale of liquor at Clinton. This law is only a statute and is subject to repeal at any session of the legislature. It is no part of the charter of the college. The fact is that the present charter of Mississippi College is contained in the Laws of Mississippi of 1880, page 294. The charter was approved by the legislature 24 years after the enactment of the liquor statute in 1854.

Fourth, it was further stated that the report of the Foundation committee is a reflection on the preachers of the state. The brethren will hardly take this argument seriously, nor will they, we feel, believe that the Foundation committee, composed of preachers and laymen, would in any way reflect upon the Christian ministers of our state. The report does not provide that the trustees of the Foundation shall be laymen. The particular persons the committee recommend, however, as the first trustees, are laymen. These were recommended largely upon the advice and counsel of the preachers on the committee. The provision as to the persons eligible to serve as trustees is "each of whom shall be a regular member of a missionary Baptist church which is in active cooperation with the Mississippi Baptist Convention." There is no requirement that the trustees be either laymen or preachers. Probably all our preachers would be greatly pleased, however, if a Foundation could be established in Mississippi and operated by laymen which would secure the marvelous results being secured by the Texas Foundation. Anyway the argument stated is not one against a Foundation. It is only an expression relating to the personnel of the trustees, and as stated, the Convention may name either laymen or preachers as trustees.

The Baptist Foundation Committee is itself a creature of the Convention. Its members have given much time in the performance of the duties the Convention assigned to it. They have no other desire than to serve the best interests of all Baptist institutions and the Convention. The report the committee made to the Convention embraced its conclusions. It confidently believes that the matter of adequately endowing our institutions is of supreme importance. All past efforts clearly show that endowments cannot be secured through use of the haphazard, intermittent plans used in the past. Most of the present endowments were secured by borrowing the money and giving it to the colleges. Now we are trying to pay these debts. Certainly it would not be advisable to create new

**A VISITOR AT THE STATE CONVENTION**

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Baptist State Convention is no picnic for any such. Ten and fifteen minutes are allotted most speakers, and some have even less time. It is delightful to know when Brother Jones starts at 12:05 that he will be through at 12:15. And a great deal more is done as a result of this time saving.

The book store is a marked feature of the convention. Some other denominations also have book stores at their annual gatherings, though some denominations who are very proud of their superior intellectuality fail to sell or buy any books at their meetings. But there are more books, and more kinds of books at this convention. They are a broad selection, not confined to any one church's viewpoint. There are numerous good books that are not religious but that are just as valuable. There are aids to teaching and to pastoral work and to homemaking. And books are bought there. It may surprise many to know that this work of the Baptist Book Store is a major cultural event in Mississippi.

One other of the many excellencies of the convention may be mentioned. It is a good picture of Mississippi. From all over the state, from the stately city church and the little rural chapel, come the ministers and messengers. And they differ in ideas and appearance and attitude. It would not be a real democracy if they did not. But they are united in holding up a Christian standard of morality in a day when it is difficult, and they are united in proclaiming for a dying world a living Savior.

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**HOW MY CHURCHES GREET NEW YEAR**

(Continued from Page One)

sion offering, undesignated, to Dr. J. W. Black, general secretary and treasurer of our State Mission Board.

I am sending a letter to every family in my churches and enclosing a "special offering" envelope for every member of each family and urging them to put at least one dollar into it between now and December 31 and bring it to this service. Briefly here is the service we have arranged:

7:30-8:00—Congregational singing.

8:00-8:30—Quartet.

8:30-9:30—Humorous readings.

9:00-9:30—Special spiritual and sacred songs by Warren Fucelle, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

9:30-10:30—Social hour, sandwiches and coffee served.

10:45—Reassemble in auditorium for worship service.

The preacher will begin his message at 11:15 and close out the first few minutes of the new year with a dedication service.

Our offering will be the last thing on the program during the first few minutes of the new year. This will give us the opportunity to give the first money we spend in 1942 for the furtherance of the glorious gospel of the Son of God.

We held a service of this kind for these four churches last New Year's eve night and it proved to be one of the most inspiring services of the entire year. At that service Dr. J. McKee Adams showed stereopticon pictures of the Holy Land and Dr. E. A. McDowell preached our special New Year's eve sermon.

debts to secure endowment funds.

The fact is that the great institutions of this country have secured most of their endowments through gifts and through bequests in wills. The amended mortmain laws now afford the opportunity to secure such gifts in this state. What is needed is a unified, organized, coordinated, systematic procedure. Such a program may be accomplished through the Foundation. It will never be accomplished by the spasmodic, individual efforts of the several institutions working separately and independently. If the Texas Baptists can in just a few years secure two and one-half as much money for endowment as they were able to secure in all the past years of their history, the same results may be secured in Mississippi if the same continuous, business-like methods are followed.

O. B. TAYLOR, Chairman,  
Baptist Foundation Committee.

# Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

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We have on the beneficiary list from Mississippi 28 retired ministers and the widows of ministers. The largest amount paid to any of them is \$15.00 per quarter or \$5.00 per month. Every year many of our missionary societies remember one or more of these with a check or a gift of material value. Last year there were a number whose names were not called for, consequently they must have been disappointed.

Are we going to forget them again? These have helped to make a better world in which to live. Since they are now laid aside, we must not forget them. Write us for the name and address of one of these friends and remember them with a gift.

Just a word of appreciation to every organization that made an offering to State Missions through our Week of Prayer in September. The amount received is \$17,004.63. We thank you.

Do your gleanings for the Lottie Moon offering, mark it properly and send to Dr. D. A. McCall, Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi.

#### Now Club

If you have not read "Let's Get That \$75,000" on page 4 of last week's Baptist Record, stop now and do it. Since reading that, I know you will want to pay your pledge to the Now Club to help save approximately \$47,250 in interest that might be used for mission work in our state.

Missionary societies and individual women have been loyal to our debt paying program. We are happy over what has been done but it would be a tragedy not to finish the task NOW. If none of us slackens in our efforts and push forward, we will finish the job and Mississippi Baptists will be rid of their debts that have hindered us through the years.

Caixa 2655, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil  
November 24, 1942

My dear Mississippi Friends:

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you! Usually I mail Christmas greetings from the land of the Southern Cross, but because of delay and irregularity of steamers, I am asking permission of the editor to greet you through our beloved Baptist Record.

Without doubt the last twelve months have been the most epochal in the history of the world, and dark clouds still loom high above the horizon. Many of you have experienced separations, sadness and sorrow during 1942, yet as the year draws to a close and we enumerate the blessings received at His hand, remembering especially the knowledge of His love, His precious promises, and the gift of hope and cheer, I feel that my sincere wish for you can still be that it will be the best Yuletide ever.

We render praise and thanksgiving to God for "the open door that no man can shut," in Brazil. The enemy has tried and is still trying to close it, but His promises cannot fail, so instead of closing the door opens wider each day.

It would gladden your hearts were you permitted to visit our forty-four Baptist churches and several missions here in Rio on Sunday and see with what eagerness the Gospel is being received.

Eulina Costa, one of my "adopted girls," has just been in giving a glowing report of the two weeks' work that is being done in one of the missions here in the city. She has the children for a story hour from six to seven each evening and the women and girls for a study class in the Manual of W. M. U. Methods at seven. I say women but the men attend too and so interested are they in the study that at the organization of the W. M. S. last Thursday they wanted to vote and take part in the discussions. The mission has two very small rooms and on the third day Eulina asked that all invitations

be suspended as she could not take care of more than the 150 children who were packed in like sardines. But the children continue to come as well as their papas and mamas, and standing room even on the outside is at a premium. Last night there were 290 children present. Eulina has a special gift for this kind of work and it seems incredible that these children, many of them from the "tin can alley" learn so quickly the names of the books of the Bible, many choice passages and verses and many songs and choruses. I wanted to go out and attend one of the meetings, but am so tied down with the details of office work and the preparation of twenty other girls who will do similar work in December and January that I have not been able to go yet. Eulina spent four years in the Baptist school for girls here in Rio and the W. M. S. of the First Baptist Church in Enid, Okla., paid for her schooling. She is now for the period of three months, the "Bible woman" of the W. M. U. of the First church of Monroe, La. I feel their reward will be great for preparing Eulina and giving us this opportunity to work.

Time passes rapidly and 1942 has been outstanding in many respects. One thing of interest to you and us was the visit to South America of Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., the new secretary for Latin America. He was with us in July for the annual meeting of the South Brazil Mission and his timely message greatly encouraged and strengthened us. I hope you will have a chance to hear him give a report of what he saw and felt while in South America.

Another thing that was significant of the year, particularly for Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Porter and me, was that on the 19th of August we "made" twenty years in Brazil. Mr. Porter is president of the Baptist College in Rio and he and his wife joined the college church where I work, and since the 19th was on Wednesday, we three had something like a praise service at prayer meeting. As we reviewed the blessings and opportunities of these gracious years we could with the Psalmist say, "The lines have fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage." We realize that we can no longer classify as "young missionaries" yet there have been so few recruits for South Brazil since we came that can still count ourselves among "the new ones."

I have just read in the November copy of "The Window of Y. W. A." the article "What Kind of Angel of Mercy Are You?" by Josephine Nelson. She says that the army and navy corps are now calling three thousand graduate nurses a month and that the number must be recruited—and as many more may be needed. This appeal rings loudly in our ears and may be need be met! We know the nurses are "Angels of mercy" and are needed in the homeland, on the high sea and at the battle front that stretches around the world. But should not the words of our Master, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," carry a greater appeal and challenge? If so, why are there so few volunteers for the Master's service? And why is it so hard for the 5,104,327 Southern Baptists to sufficiently equip and send out some who have volunteered? I'll not attempt to answer these questions, but will you, if you are a conscientious and sincere child of God not reflect, meditate and pray that from henceforth all of us will be more faithful stewards of the gospel?

You have 102 missionaries in all of Brazil, and many of them will before very long be placed in the "emeritus" group. Probably you will think I am pessimistic today but I hasten to assure you that I am not. Of all days of the year this is to me the most significant. Today my name appears on the Royal Service Prayer Calendar and it is comforting and strengthening to know that thousands in whose hearts burn the missionary fires, have

interceded for me at the throne of grace. And thinking along this line I decided to make this observation with you in the hope that when you pray for the work in this vast field that you will pray for new recruits and pray, too, that they may have the love, sympathy, moral and financial support of the Baptists in the homeland. The task is not easy. There are many problems that confront us day by day and we need courageous and God-fearing laborers—both on the foreign field and in the homeland.

Thanking you for all your manifestations of kindness and again wishing for you a good Christmas and a prosperous and Happy New Year,

I am sincerely,  
MINNIE LANDRUM.

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**Rev. S. E. McAdory, missionary to the Choctaw Indians**, in sending us a subscription from one of the Indian brethren, writes: "I am just back from the fifth Sunday Board meeting which convened with the Bokohomo Indian church, near Sandersville. It was one of the best Board meetings we have had since I have been on the field. Fellowship was good, interest was good and spiritual atmosphere was good. I think their free will offering for missions was about the best I have seen. Of course, it was not much, but it was a good offering for them. (Better than most of our white people usually do, according to ability.) We now have several Choctaws taking The Record. Hope to secure others some time later."

**Describing the fighting on Guadalcanal, John Graham Dowling, Chicago Sun reporter, wrote:** Sergt. Jim Hulbut of Chicago asks above the shellfire: "Do any of you fellows mind if I say the Lord's Prayer?" We press him and he recites the prayer in a loud voice that fills the dugout above the noise of the guns and comforts us. We murmur "Amen" when he is finished and sit in shocked silence while the earth continues to rock.

#### ARMY SETS UP BRANCH TO RECRUIT CHAPLAINS ASSISTANTS

What is said to be the first branch of the United States armed services specially recruiting men for the duty of "special assistants to chaplains," was announced by Maj. Harry W. Bacon, of the United States marine corps, officer in charge of recruiting in Boston.

Men who can play the piano or organ, or who can sing, are urgently needed to assist chaplains in conducting religious services, the major said. Heretofore, the services assigned such men from the regularly recruited personnel.

Every accepted applicant must go through the regular recruit training before assignment as a chaplain's assistant. Men under 25 years of age will be given staff sergeant ratings; those between 25 and 28 will receive technical sergeant ratings, and men over 28, master technical sergeants.

The first two navy men to complete newly-established training course for "chaplain's assistants," were recently graduated from the Norfolk (Va.) Navy Chaplains' School.

Rating as specialists, these men are trained to take over the mechanics of running a chaplain's office, and to be entirely responsible for the musical program.

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**The First Baptist Church at Plainview, Texas, celebrated its third anniversary with Pastor L. B. Reavis the first Sunday in November. During these years there have been 915 additions and last year's total gifts were approximately \$25,000. Miss Margaret Harris is the young people's leader; Miss Mildred Ford is church secretary.**

## Touching The Bases

By Fred R. Langley  
Soldiers, Sailors and Defense Projects Service

"Mail is one of the greatest morale builders. If the home folks will write to their soldiers, the army postal service will do its utmost to get those letters through as promptly as possible."—Captain Robert H. McCormack, assistant adjutant general, chief of the postal section, headquarters Fourth Service Command.

It might have been the fact that Milo is a chaplain's assistant and that he is constantly working in or around the House of God, but we prefer to think that Milo is a soldier, unafraid, yet not daring, who seeks to find solace in communion with Him. Milo knows that He alone is the divine ruler, "Who urges all 'Come Follow Me.'" The poem submitted to the Reveille by Private Milo F. Ryan, Irish chaplain's assistant of the Service Company, 167th Infantry is reprinted below in full.

### A Soldier's Prayer

Here as I kneel all alone  
Before the altar of my King,  
I am the humble at the throne,  
I am the least in everything;  
And stars begin to dim this place  
Where time is not, and right is right,  
And peace is everlasting grace.

O—that I might live each present hour  
In the solitude of moral thought.  
I know that God in His great power  
Could send that love which is not bought,  
And lo—I'm weak—I cannot walk  
In the path of Him so free  
Who urges all "Come follow Me."

—The Camp Shelby Reveille.

The final fellowship period was held Sunday, November 29, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben C. Penn, 409 South Cedar street, Greenville, Mississippi, for the young people and service men. This service will be held in the future in the First Baptist Church building, on account of the gas rationing. This fellowship period was begun over two years ago for the young people of the church, and after the Greenville Army Air Corps Flying School was opened about a year ago, the soldiers attending church here have been invited guests. Some fifty or sixty have been served weekly during these years. Songs, games and refreshments are greatly enjoyed in this Christian home. The final meeting was closed, as all joined hands, forming a large circle singing, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," after which Chaplain Jewell D. Foster led in prayer.

The First Baptist Church in Columbus is a busy church. Besides its regular program, the men, including officers, cadets and enlisted personnel, are being served by this institution. Example: A lieutenant was interviewed who sings regularly in the choir, and another lieutenant in cadet headquarters said, "I am a regular attendant at the evening worship hour." A sergeant major told Dr. Franks that he listened frequently to his sermons broadcast via radio. And why not, with subjects like these—"The Humanity of Christ," and "The Verily, Verily of the New Life."

Camp McCain, one of our new camps where the 87th Division will train is not as near to Grenada as some believe. It is just north of Duck Hill and close to Elliott, Mississippi. It's a large place and not nearly completed yet. Buses run regularly from the Tri-State station in Winona.

Camp Van Dorn: Chaplain Urvan V. White who attended the State Convention in Jackson is probably overseas by now, according to advice from a

### DR. O. P. MOORE ACCEPTS MOORHEAD PASTORATE

Dr. O. P. Moore has resigned the pastorate at New Augusta to accept the work at Moorhead. He began work at Moorhead on November 22.

The new Moorhead pastor is a B. A. graduate of Mississippi College and a Th.D. graduate of the Baptist Bible Institute.

While a student at B. B. I., he taught in the Negro Seminary. While a student in Mississippi College he was pastor at Florence and Star. He soon led these churches to adopt the

EVERY FAMILY Plan. When he entered the Baptist Bible Institute he became pastor at New Augusta, and as usual, soon had the EVERY FAMILY Plan in operation. He will miss the opportunity of leading Moorhead to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan, because they already have it.

He succeeds Rev. L. E. McGowen, who was recently commissioned a chaplain in the navy.

### LEST WE FORGET

Among the names of Baptist preachers who helped to establish and build up the interests of the Kingdom of God in Mississippi should be remembered that of Dr. A. A. Lomax. This is by no means a biography, but just a window opened on the life of one of the best in all the past.

Brother Lomax spent most of his life of service in the southern part of the state. His ministry in Copiah county will bear fruit as long as time shall last. He combined gentleness and courage in a beautiful way and marked degree. He loved everybody, and was not afraid of the devil. He believed that if a man feared God he did not need to be afraid of any man. His faith was as simple as a child's and his convictions were strong enough to endure any test.

This incident will reveal much of his character: In his later years he was pastor at Sardis and Batesville, living at the latter town. When he had preached at Sardis one Sunday, he was invited to take dinner with a family living some miles in the country. After dinner the brother in whose house he was a guest, told him that there was to be preaching that afternoon in a nearby school house,

brother chaplain.

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" was written by a navy chaplain and not "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition."

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"Greatest Sermons Ever Preached" is a paper-bound book edited by Dr. Alexander Cairns and published by the Handbook Library, 22 West 48th street, New York. The price is fifty cents. The sermons are by many well known preachers of the past and present, some liberal, some conservative. The selections cover two pages each.

From the Baptist Message we learn that Rev. O. O. Haley, recent graduate of the Baptist Bible Institute has accepted the call of the church at Franklin, Louisiana, and is located on the field. Brother Haley was formerly pastor at Georgetown.

Alabama Baptist: Flattery is soft soap, and soft soap is 90 per cent lye.

The church at Hollandale gave to the Baptist Orphanage in the Thanksgiving offering \$956.57. Of this amount \$267.96 was in cash and the rest in corn, hay and produce.

### NOW CLUB

DOUBLING THE FIVE THOUSAND CLUB

#### A DEBTLESS DENOMINATION BEFORE 1945

##### THE NOW CLUB HAS GONE TO WAR

By Fred R. Langley  
Soldiers, Sailors and Defense Projects Service

Many members of our present armed forces are church members and had signed pledges or were buying certificates before entering the service. Quite a few of these are sending their money back home NOW to pay off these pledges. They are not only giving themselves to fight the battle of freedom, but, they are sacrificing their service pay to help Mississippi Baptists to be debt free.

"The Now Club has gone to war.

Old Baptist debts must retreat.

A debtless denomination before 1943  
Spells V-I-C-T-O-R-Y."

#### A Correction

In our figures in The Record last week we gave the wrong figures for River Avenue Baptist Church of Hattiesburg. They should have read as follows:

Goal, \$150; Pledged, \$158; Paid, \$122  
Thanks.

MRS. ANNIE S. MC LAURIN,  
Now Club Reporter.

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#### MORE INTERNED MISSIONARIES SLATED TO RETURN

A letter from the Department of State gives the names of the following missionaries in Shanghai who are "listed by the Swiss representative at Shanghai for inclusion in the forthcoming exchange of nations between the United States and Japan if space permits"—Wilson Fielder, Arthur S. Gillespie, William B. Johnson, Francis P. Lide, Henry H. McMillan, Harold H. Snuggs, William H. Tipton, James H. Ware, Charles H. Westbrook and James T. Williams.

It is expected that additional names will be released by the State Department at a later date. No date for the sailing of the exchange ships has been given.

and asked if he cared to go. He gladly accompanied the family to the preaching service.

A good crowd assembled and the preacher proved to be of that persuasion which believes in the theory of "Be dipped or be damned." No Baptist needs to be told the name of the denomination which he represented. He had the text which all of them take. "Be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus for the remission of sins"; and he preached the same sermon which they always preach.

When he had finished, according to his custom, he asked if anybody wished to ask any questions. Nobody's curiosity seemed to be aroused, and no questions were asked. Then he said, "Does any one present wish to make any remarks?" Nobody seemed disposed to talk.

The preacher knew that Brother Lomax was present and singled him out with the inquiry: "Elder, do you wish to make any remarks?" Brother Lomax rose deliberately and said, "My friends, this is the first time in the providence of God I have had the opportunity to meet with you in worship. It is quite probable that in the same good Providence, it will not be my privilege to come this way again. Being asked to give my testimony, I am constrained to say to you in the fear of God, that if you follow that branch water theory of salvation, you will make your bed in hell." With this he sat down, and the atmosphere, as they were dismissed, was much like that when one has thrown a brick into a hornet's nest.—P. I. Lipsey.

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Mrs. Chubbitt: "They tell me you have a model husband."

Miranda: "Yes, ma'am. But he ain't no workin' model. He's jest a-a blue-print."

## NEWS and TRUTHS ABOUT OUR HOME MISSION WORK

J. B. LAWRENCE, Executive Secretary-Treasurer  
JOE W. BURTON, Secretary of Education

### Board Adopts \$733,207.67 Budget For 1943

A 1943 budget of \$733,207.67, based on anticipated receipts, was adopted by the Home Mission Board at its annual meeting in Atlanta December 2 and 3.

Included is a total of \$442,207.67 for the board's operation in 18 Southern states, the District of Columbia, Cuba and Panama. For the new city mission work, the board appropriated \$43,500 and selected Dr. Solomon F. Dowis, of Atlanta, as field secretary in charge of the work, to be carried on in 10 Southern cities.

The agency also set up a reserve and contingent fund of \$78,000.

Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary-treasurer, told the board that the anticipated receipts, practically guaranteed, would top any figure since 1924. Already, he said, \$688,642.74 has been collected and \$63,000 is anticipated for the two months unreported.

Officers of the board elected for the new year are Colonel B. L. Bugg, president, Dr. K. O. White, vice-president, elected for the fifth year, G. Frank Garrison, recording secretary, elected for the twelfth year, and Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary-treasurer, elected for the fourteenth year.

Field secretaries, all re-elected, are J. W. Beagle, Jacob Gartenhaus, Noble Y. Beall, Alfred Carpenter. Joe W. Burton is secretary of education.

Presentation by Dr. J. D. Grey, member of the Board from Louisiana, of a life-sized picture of the face of Russell Holman, the first corresponding secretary to set Home Missions forward with an aggressive program, was a feature of the board luncheon held the first day.

Prior to his official connection with the board, Rev. Holman established in 1843 the First Baptist Church of New Orleans of which Dr. Grey is now pastor. Dr. Holman served as secretary of the board of 1845 to 1851 and again from 1857 to 1862. The portrait was received by Dr. J. B. Lawrence.

### Soldier Denounces Catholicism

A young Italian, dressed in the uniform of a United States soldier, confessed his contempt for the corruption of the Catholic church to Home Board Missionary Joshua Grijalva when the two conversed while traveling together recently.

The young soldier told the missionary how, when just a child, he had come to doubt the teachings of the Catholic church which he attended with his parents. He discussed certain unsatisfactory religious practices carried on within the church.

The missionary stated that it was his privilege to present to the young man the religion which had meant so much to him. Before they reached their destination, the soldier expressed a belief in the living Christ.

### Marked Growth in Indian Church

Four times as many Choctaw Indians are now members of the Green



Colonel B. L. Bugg, Atlanta layman and business man, was re-elected president at the recent annual meeting of the Home Mission Board.

Hill Baptist Church as were members two years ago, reports Rev. A. W. Hancock, Home Board Missionary to the Indians in Oklahoma.

Under the leadership of Brother Thomas Wade, a full-blood Choctaw Indian, the church has continued to grow. Worship services have been held in a "cracker-box" building with a ground floor, but now the church has two acres of land donated to them by an Indian who is not a Christian, and plans are being made to build a better church house on the new location.

### Americans in Panama Need Churches

Americans living in Panama constitute one of the greatest opportunities for missionary endeavor on that field, reports Rev. Paul C. Bell, Home Board missionary to Panama.

Thousands of American business men and their families who live there have no church affiliation, Brother Bell writes. Many large communities have no churches at all. In Colon, the second largest town in the Republic, a strong Baptist church is greatly needed. Already there are many Baptists in that city who would like to see a church organized and who would help in every possible way.

The missionary has visions of at least five well organized, active Baptist churches in Panama for Americans. He believes that they could become self-supporting and even would be able soon to support a strong missionary program.

An experience Brother Bell had recently leads him to believe that the task of winning Americans in Panama would not be very difficult.

"I went into one of the larger banks," he relates, "and after talking to the manager on some business matters, I asked him where he went to church. He answered that he did not



Rev. and Mrs. Dan Moulder

### DAN MOULDER'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION Offering Amounts to \$275.00

Thanksgiving Day, the relatives, churches and friends met in the home of Rev. D. W. Moulder to celebrate his seventy-fifth birthday. Henry Smith led many of the old sacred harp songs. The welcome address was delivered by Rev. E. D. Estes, Baptist State Board evangelist. The response was given by Dr. G. W. Land, Louin, Mississippi. The eleven o'clock sermon was delivered by Rev. Barney Walker, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Forest, Mississippi. His scripture was the 103rd Psalm, text was the first and second verses. In eulogizing Dan Moulder he said "the Lord made him what he is." Brother Walker gave six things we should be thankful for: First, that we do not have to serve the devil; second, that we are on the winning side; third, that our past has been put away, our present has been provided for, our future is secure; fourth, that Jesus said "Let not your heart be troubled, I am going to prepare a mansion for you"; fifth, that all good things are gifts from God. Many years ago God saved Dan Moulder and gave him to us. Today he is a monument to God's saving grace; sixth, we should be thankful for our fathers, mothers, husbands, wives, children, neighbors,

go. I then tried to talk to him about Christ. He was very interested and thanked me with a great deal of emotion.

"You are the first person to talk to me about my soul," he said.

"Although we were interrupted by others who were waiting to see him, I came away feeling that it had been worthwhile to speak to him. During the conversation he remarked that there were many like him in Panama City who needed Christ.

"If we could win these big business men for Christ," the missionary con-

churches, preachers, schools and country.

There were about two hundred and fifty people present. There were seven preachers who took part on the program: Barney Walker, E. D. Estes, Guller Henderson, James Ingram, Hiram Hagen, C. S. Moulder and D. W. Moulder. During the noon hour much food was spread on the table that was prepared for that service. The afternoon program consisted of songs and many talks by his friends. Rev. Guller Henderson gave the devotion and the opening prayer was led by Rev. Hiram Hagen. Rev. E. D. Estes' subject for the afternoon was "Man is born of woman a few days and full of trouble." He said Brother Moulder had suffered many hardships in his ministry but his life was filled with joy and triumph. Other speakers were his sister, Mrs. S. B. Boling; Dan Moulder, E. F. Lane and C. S. Moulder. Gifts in money and presents to Rev. and Mrs. Moulder amounted to two hundred and seventy-five dollars. Beulah church, Simpson county, brought \$86.75. Pine Grove church, Simpson county, brought \$37.50. The children and grandchildren presented him with a luxurious easy chair. He received many ten dollar and five dollar checks. There were many smaller gifts of money and presents.—C. S. Moulder.

cluded, "it would mean much in helping us to win the Panamanians. They can be won, and ought to be."

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Bible reading, the holding or worship services, and all normal Sabbath-day observances have been prohibited in the compulsory work camps set up in Norway by the Nazis. Even harsher restrictions are in force at the Grini concentration camp where all Bibles have been confiscated. A ruling which makes it illegal to read the Bible while awaiting investigation by the courts has worked hardship on many clergymen. The penalty for the offense is "immediate corporal punishment."

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## Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Hight C. Moore

Lesson for December 13, 1942

### THE VALUE OF THE CHURCH TO THE SOCIAL ORDER

Bible Texts: Matthew 5:13-16; Mark 12:13-17; Luke 6:27-38; Acas 8:4-8; Romans 13:1-10; I Peter 2:13-17

A true church, though small and poor, is of incalculable value to the social order. Beneficent beyond all computation is its ministry to the community, the state, and the world. Listen again to what Jesus said in the Sermon on the Mount about the character and influence of Christians and to His critics in the Temple about tribute to Rome. Learn what it meant for Matthew the publican to become a Christian and for Philip to preach in Samaria and for Paul to rout the sorcerer in Cyprus. And note how Peter in a time of great persecution which was not only permitted but actually instigated by the authorities, urged subjection to the higher powers.

#### Lesson Outline

- I. Moral Purification (Matthew 5).
- II. Spiritual Enlightenment (Matthew 5).
- III. Civic Loyalty (Mark 12).
- IV. Christian Service (I Peter 2).

#### Notes Analytical and Expository

1. Purify the Social Order. The salt that is trodden under foot is not true salt (chloride of sodium) which retains its properties as long as there is a particle of it. The salt of the ancients contained other ingredients and out of the mixture the pure salt might dissolve and disappear leaving a powder without savor or strength. And the place for spoiled salt was not in the market for sale nor in the household for use but off the premises for surfacing the street or highway. To arrest decay salt must be antiseptic and purifying. As the salt of the earth Christians must interpenetrate and preserve mankind from moral putrefaction. Whoever is savorless through isolation or hypocrisy becomes worthless like the useless salt which was thrown out and trodden under foot.

2. Enlighten the World. The light that is hidden under a bushel may have the requisite lamp with oil and wick. It may be tipped with fire. But it is concealed and circumscribed. It is set under the curtained bed where none can see by it or even see it. It is overcapped by the bushel measure when it ought to be atop the candlestick. Hence it flickers when it could flame and it confuses anybody when it should clarify everybody. Are Christians truly the light of the world? Then they must shine with light from the Sun of Righteousness. They must shine without restriction as the city on a hilltop is visible afar. They must shine before men through evident but unconcealed and unselfish good works. And so as the candle honors the sun, the luminous Christian glorifies the Heavenly Father as the Source of everlasting Light and Life and Love.

3. Support the Government. Jesus the perfect world citizen commanded rightful respect of authority in his discussion of the poll tax due to Cae-

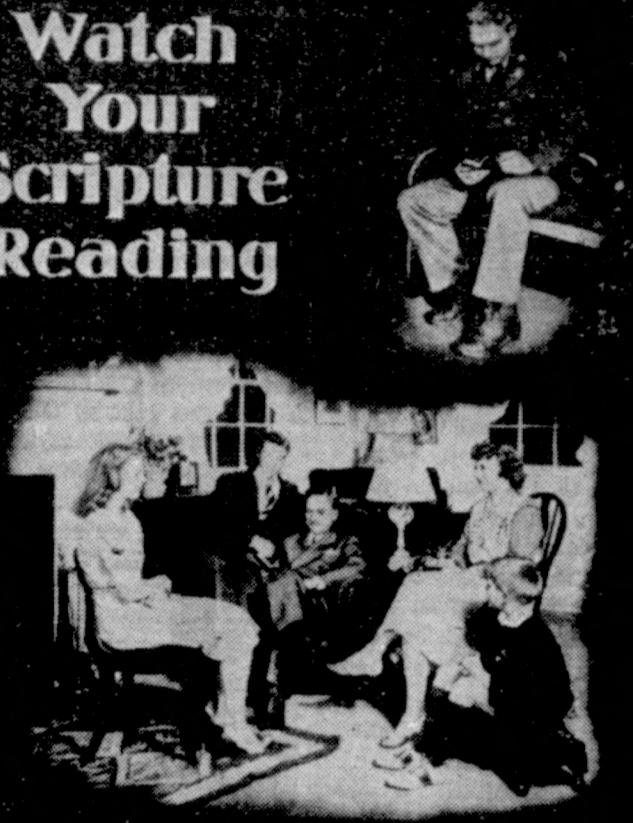
sar, the Roman ruler of the Hebrew world. (1) The questioners were two conflicting parties: the Pharisees who chafed under the Roman yoke, and the Herodians who were truculent partisans of Rome—bad citizens, all of them. They united against Jesus. Their evident purpose was to entangle him so as to get a charge sufficient to place him in the hands of the Roman authorities. (2) The question breathed a wrong civic spirit. It opened with words designed as the baldest of flattery, rang with a condescending tone, and sought triumphantly to place Jesus in a political dilemma. He saw and scored their hypocrisy. But He did more. (3) The answer was a two-edged sword, one edge cleaving in twain the net that was spread, and the other cleaving open a knotty public problem. First, He made His inquisitors bring a Roman coin and confess that their currency bore the stamp of Caesar. Having thus bared the vulnerable point, He thrust in the blade of truth, Pharisees and Herodians alike wincing under it. Render to Caesar what belongs to him. Render to God what belongs to Him. That is, be a good citizen of your government, and be a good citizen of the kingdom of heaven. We ought to be loyal to both the commonwealth and the kingdom. No bad citizen is a good Christian and no good Christian is a bad citizen. (4) The victory of Jesus was complete. His amazed adversaries slunk away. And no wonder!

4. Serve God and Country. A model Jewish and Christian citizen, Peter briefly characterized the good citizen of the commonwealth and the kingdom. (1) Think of the good citizen and the Lord. What he does is "for the Lord's sake." He undertakes to make the will of God the rule of his life. He is himself a bond-servant of God and thus bound to serve the Supreme Ruler of all nations. (2) Think of the citizen and the law. He is law-abiding. He submits to every ordinance governing the body politic. He cheerfully complies with all regulations designed for the commonweal. (3) Think of the citizen and the leaders. Those in positions of responsibility are entitled to respect, support, and co-operation. Those to whom Peter wrote were to honor the emperor of the universal empire of Rome. They were to give due honor to the provincial governors and to all government officers down the line. (4) Think of the citizen and the people. There are evil doers who must be punished and segregated from society. There are many in public and private life who do well who ought to be encouraged and upheld. There are foolish men whose ignorance is appalling and must be counteracted. (5) Think of the good citizen and his liberties. He is entitled to freedom and ought to enjoy it as guaranteed him by his government. But he ought not to use his freedom as a pretext for evil designs upon his fellow men. No good citizen will do as many mean things as possible within the law. As a bond-servant of God he will perform the acts of righteousness which should feature every true man's life. (6) Think of the citizen and his civic attitudes. He ought to honor all men, having proper respect for the race. He ought to love the brotherhood and thus fulfil the law. He ought to fear

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## Watch Your Scripture Reading



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UNIVERSAL Bible Sunday will be celebrated widely on Sunday, December 13. For over two decades the American Bible Society has been sponsoring this observance. It is largely because our fighting men have been doing so much reading of God's Word and thinking and believing that the theme chosen by the Society for this year's observance is "Watch Your Scripture Reading."

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## MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST CHURCHES WILL MAKE OFFERINGS FOR AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY ON BIBLE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

Our Baptist State Convention unanimously adopted a resolution calling on the churches to make contributions to the work of the American Bible Society and set December 13 as the date for this special effort. The full resolution was published in last week's Record.

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## Sunday School Department

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### Very Important!

Beginning January first, it will be necessary for a Standard Sunday school to have an Extension department. This is new. Until now it has been necessary for a Standard school to have a Cradle Roll department, but not an Extension department.

Since the Extension department is a vital part of the school program, it is right and proper that this be required in the grading of a school that is making application for the Standard award.

Therefore, all schools that are now planning to make application in January for the Standard award for 1943 should certainly check on this point and be sure about it. If you do not have an Extension department, get busy and organize one in December. Some of our 1942 Standard schools do not have Extension departments; and this will have to be changed before making application again.

But remember, the Sunday School Board still gives free a good amount of literature for every new Extension department that is organized. Also, we have in the state office free leaflets on this work that will help you to organize one. This is the department that ministers to those who cannot get to the church at the Sunday school hour. Not, however, for those who do not or will not, but those who cannot get there.

### One More

The application for Standard award has been received from the Philadelphia school, Dr. Walter L. Johnson, pastor, and Mr. Walker W. Jones, superintendent.

This is not a new thing to this school, in fact, it has been Standard for each of the last six years. This gives us 48 Standard schools for this year, two more than we had last year, and a new record for us.

We thank the Philadelphia workers for this good work.

### Training Needed

There has never been a time, and will never be, when training of workers has not been, and will not be, primary in the successful prosecution of any work. This is just as true of Sunday school work as of any other. And now that so many of our people have been called away for service to our country, and so many new workers must be enlisted, the need for training is more necessary than ever, if possible. If a Sunday school program is developed successfully, it will be because the workers are trained for their tasks.

Of course, all of us realize fully that we are not living in normal times, but in days that are very abnormal. However, this should not cause us to slacken our pace one whit in the all-important matter of training our workers. These new ones do so much need the aid that comes through the study of the various books in the courses for Sunday school workers. If we can get them to study the work, we can get them to do the work. More and better work waits on more

and better workers. And getting better workers is a matter of training.

### Adjust Schedule

The requirements for time in completing a book in the Sunday school course is the equivalent of ten 45-minute periods, or a total of seven and one-hour hours, including 45 minutes that are allowed for writing up the questions.

It does not mean that only two of these 45-minute periods can be made at one meeting, however. In fact, any arrangement the class wishes to make is all right just so this much time is put in. If the class wants to do the work in four sessions, or even three, that is satisfactory. In this time of rationing gas, we can save some trips by adjusting the time to fewer meetings and do the work just the same as if five meetings were held. Many classes do this anyway, and have been for some time.

In this way a great amount of training can be done in this time of stress and many of our people will take advantage of it since it entails fewer meetings to attend to complete the work. Plan for training with fewer class sessions.

### Individual Study

Also, we can make more of the Individual Study method during these days. There is no time limit on a book, so the person can carefully work up a chapter at a time, using the book in writing answers to questions, and thus do some very fine preparing for better work.

Many people lack only one book having their diploma, or red seal, or blue seal, or gold seal. Many others lack only two books. How very fine it would be for these to take as their special training program the part of finishing these and get the proper credit. During these long winter nights an hour or so could be delightfully and profitably spent studying some Sunday school study course book. And in so doing the gain from this would be reflected in the work of the school.

Have a "study at home week" when as many as will are enlisted to finish a book between Sundays or by a given date. Another plan that has met with large success is to pledge the largest possible number of workers and members to study a given number of books in a specified time. Some have made it "Four Books This Year" and some have even made it a "Book a Month Club."

Anyway, whatever the plan, the point is to train the people. The time can be adjusted to suit the folk; the schedule can be worked out as may be best; but the all-important part of it is to do the work. Let us train for

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→ GRAY'S OINTMENT

### DR. WM. H. WEATHERSBY

WHEREAS, God in His wisdom has seen fit to take from our midst our friend and brother, Dr. W. H. Weathersby, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Weathersby has for many years been a member of the Main Street Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, serving therein as deacon, clerk and Sunday school teacher and officer, always with conspicuous faithfulness and effectiveness, and

WHEREAS, his wisdom, his tact, his purity of mind and life, his devotion to duty, and his selfless forbearance and Christian charity made him an example to us all, and

WHEREAS, in the public schools of Mississippi, on the faculty of Mississippi College and of Mississippi Southern College, and in the educational councils of the state and of the South, his statesmanlike leadership has marked him as a great Christian educator, now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That we are grateful to God for the years of usefulness and service which Dr. Weathersby spent among us and for the privilege which was ours of knowing his devoted spirit and spotless character.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the bereaved family has our profound sympathy in the loss of their husband, father and brother, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of Main Street Baptist Church, and of the Board of Deacons of the church, and copies sent to The Baptist Record and to the family.

R. G. LOWREY, Chairman,  
FRANK MONTAGUE,  
E. C. FISHEL,  
Committee.

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The Tokyo radio has announced that all Protestant denominations in Japan have been dissolved and will henceforth be included in a single church — the Church of Christ in Japan.

better service.

### December

We are now in the last month of the year, a year that has passed all too quickly. In these closing days of the year it will be a fine thing to take stock of our schools and see just where we are. Check over the class, department, and general standards to see if there are any short points. Then use the remaining days of the year to pull up on those and be ready by January first to make out the application for the award. Make it inventory time in your school in December.

### 25 YEARS AGO

P. E. Burroughs of the Sunday School Board Teacher Training work, announces, "Mississippi now holds a total of 3,685 diplomas, 272 blue seal diplomas and 17 gold seal diplomas."

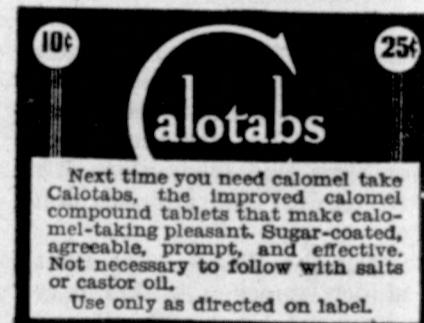
Rev. D. H. Miley resigns at Burns to accept Concord church in Rankin county for one Sunday.

A Baptist secretary states that a gift of \$40,000 came to his society through an advertisement in the denominational paper. The editor adds that "it pays to advertise."

Rev. John H. Buchanan, who has been attending the Seminary in Louisville, has been called to Pontotoc. Many friends will welcome him back to Mississippi, and to one of the liveliest churches in the state.

The Hermanville church made an offering of \$90 to Mississippi College, to add to the endowment. It was twice the amount asked of them.

Among the faculty members listed for the Winter Theological Schools for preachers and other church workers are: W. E. Lee, Como, Miss.; W. A. Borum, Jackson; J. R. G. Hewlett, Charleston; P. I. Lipsey, Jackson; Owen Williams, Brooksville; R. B. Gunter, Louisville; H. L. Martin, Indianola; J. D. Ray, West Point; R. A. Kimbrough, Vicksburg; L. G. Gates, Laurel; J. W. Lee, Batesville; Webb Brane, New Albany; S. G. Pope, Port Gibson; T. L. Holcomb, Pontotoc; W. A. Sullivan, Belzoni, and Judah Felder, Gulfport.



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By L. E. Barton

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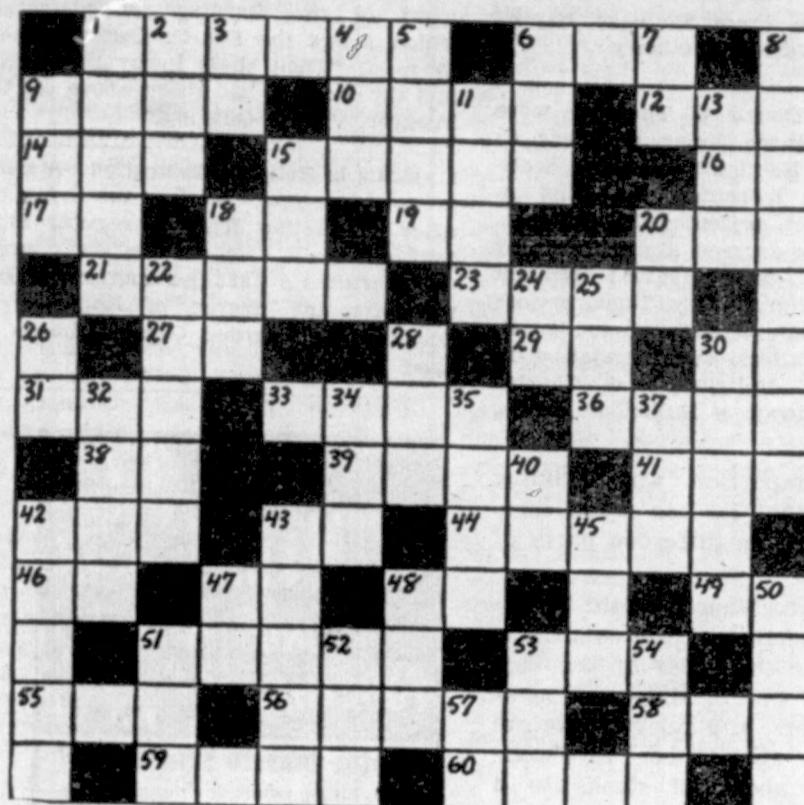
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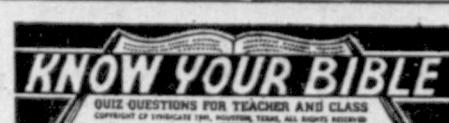
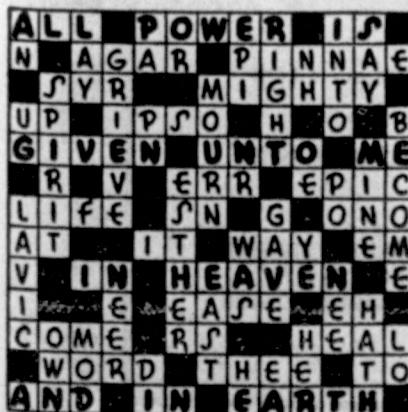
"Verily, verily I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."—John 5:24.

## WORD OF GOD

## Horizontal

- 1 "Till . . . and earth pass," Matt. 5:18.
- 6 ". . . the Word was with God, . . . the Word was God," John 1:1.
- 9 "I speak that which I have . . . with my Father," John 8:38.
- 10 "is . . . than all the seeds," Mark 4:31.
- 12 Open (poet.).
- 14 "Who then . . . be saved," Matt. 19:25.
- 15 "for they shall inherit the . . ." Matt. 5:5.
- 16 "Believest thou not that I . . . in the Father," John 14:10.
- 17 A Benjamite, I Chron. 7:12.
- 18 "abide in . . . and my words abide in you," John 15:7.
- 19 That is.
- 20 "These . . . the words which I spake unto you," Luke 24:44.
- 21 "and they that hear . . . live," John 5:25.
- 23 "for he was to . . . that way," Luke 19:4.
- 27 Fourteenth letter of the alphabet.
- 29 Yard.
- 30 Pound.
- 31 Greek letter.
- 33 "cometh the devil, and taketh . . . the word," Luke 8:12.
- 36 "and the truth shall make you . . ." John 8:32.
- 38 Railroad.
- 39 Hastens.
- 41 "and the day is . . . spent," Luke 24:29.
- 42 ". . . by every word of God," Luke 4:4.
- 43 "If ye continue in . . . word," John 8:31.
- 44 "The . . . that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life," John 6:63.

## Answer to Last Week's Puzzle



1. Can you name the only Bible woman heroine, who freed her people from an aggressive war situation?
  2. If your Sunday school class asked you why we call it "Bible," could you answer their question?
  3. What animal of Bible days opened its mouth and talked to its owner?
  4. What did the Bible have to do with the naming of "the Dominion of Canada"?
- (Correct answer on Page 15)

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(Continued from Page Eleven)  
God who is the arbiter of nations and individuals. He ought to honor the king or whoever occupies the highest seat of power in his government.

## Gold in the Golden Text

Ye are the salt of the earth:—Ye are the light of the world. Matthew 5:13-14.

Read again the opening verses of the Sermon on the Mount for a description of the character that Christians should exhibit and the influence they should exert in the world.

"Ye are the salt of the earth" interpenetrating and preserving mankind from spiritual putrefaction. Indeed, it is the duty of the Christian to arrest decay even as salt is antiseptic and cleansing. If a church member is savorless through isolation or hypocrisy, he is spiritually worthless like the spoiled salt which was thrown out into the street and trodden under foot. There is nothing but the gospel of Christ transmuted into Christian living that can save the world from moral putridity. But how purifying and preserving is the real salt of the earth!

"Ye are the light of the world." Truly the world is in darkness. Physical darkness is bad enough. Intellectual darkness is much worse. Moral darkness is blacker still. But spiritual darkness is the blackness of darkness. The light which the world needs is the light which shines away the darkness and shows the way to the world of life and light eternal. The Christian by reflecting Christ, dispelling darkness, clarifying duty and inspiring upward is the light of the world.

## Matt. 4:4.

- 43 "That ye abstain from . . . offered to idols," Acts 15:29.
- 45 Half rooted.
- 47 His highness.
- 48 Kind of tree.
- 50 "I know that his commandment is . . . everlasting," John 12:52.
- 51 Drink a small quantity.
- 52 The (Fr. pl.).
- 53 "And . . . come I to thee," John 17:13.
- 54 "I have given them . . . word," John 17:14.
- 57 Father.

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Dr. J. S. Riser

**"SUNSHINE" RISER TAKES MEMPHIS PASTORATE**

The call to the pastorate of Central Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., has been accepted by Rev. J. S. Riser, Jr., of Blue Mountain, Miss. He expects to take up his pastoral duties January 1.

A native of Hinds county, Miss., he was graduated from Mississippi College at Clinton with a B.A. degree and received his Th.M. and Th.D. degrees from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

He was pastor at Fannin and Cruger, Miss., Brookfield and Fairfield, Ind., and of the Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church, Meridian, Miss., Durant Baptist Church, Durant, Miss., and has been at Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church, Blue Mountain, for more than eight years. He is moderator and director of evangelism for the Tippah County Baptist Association and secretary of the Pastors' and Laymen's Conference of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

He is a veteran of World War I. He was married 15 years ago to Miss Ruby Hall Culpepper of Meridian and they have two sons, Sherwood, 11, and William, 3.—Commercial Appeal.

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A Russian broadcast recorded in Washington quotes Der Deutsche Bueroangestelle, a periodical for German office workers, as saying that "God has revealed himself to the German nation in the shape of Adolf Hitler." The Deutsche Metallarbeiterzeitung, a metal workers' publication, is quoted as saying that "German youth must be trained by Nazism in the spirit of worshipping the Fuehrer as God and in blind obedience to all Fuehrers, big and small." Similar statements have been made by other journals, said the Russian announcer.

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 "God is our refuge and strength." Ps. 46:1. "Let us not be weary in well doing." Gal. 6:9. Daily we are reminded of the increasing positional importance of Cuba and the Canal Zone. These strategic centers are the special charge of our Home Mission Board. Our work has greatly prospered in both areas, but our forces need to be multiplied many times if we would seize the opportunities which our Lord continues to open to us. Enlightened statesmanship waits on financial resources to make the Home Missions really function.

"A half minute less talk on every telephone call would save nearly 100 years of telephone service daily in the nation." This is hard to believe! We are suggesting that we go on and use that half minute, but let it be used in the interest of Christianity.

More than twenty of the employees of the Sunday School Board have married within the last six months. As someone has said, "Isn't the Board family a loving group?"

### Marion County Associational Director at Work

Mr. I. N. Nelson, recently elected director of the Marion County Associational Training Union has already gotten his officers together and they have outlined their work for the coming quarter. They have also had a general meeting of the association, this meeting held at Columbia the afternoon of November 29. Mr. Newsom was director of this association some years ago and did a good job of it then. We have every reason to believe the work will prosper under his leadership again.

Below we give you our last word from our friend Cleo Harris. Cleo will be remembered as the state B. S. U. president when a student in Mississippi College, a choice spirit, a lover of the Lord, and a promoter of His kingdom. We pray for his safe return to the homeland where his many friends will give him a royal welcome.

### Harrisburg Five Star Final

**First Edition:** Behind all great publications there is a purpose. Since this one has no purpose it must not be a great publication. If there could be a purpose it is to report to you the simple going in and out of Harrisburg's first citizen. The mystery of the long silence is that he has been working of late—maybe for the first time.

**Harris in New Position:** The big question at the present time is whether it is a promotion or a demotion. The title of the job is Adjutant but in reality it should be Father Con-

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### CHARLEY TREADWAY WINS DOCTOR'S DEGREE

Four Graduate From Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Degrees of Doctor of Theology were conferred on three young ministers by The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Tuesday morning. Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, president, presented the diplomas.

Receiving the degrees, highest given by the Seminary, were Seaford William Eubanks of Jefferson City, Tenn., majoring in Old Testament Prophecy; L. D. Johnson of Walters, Okla., majoring in Psychology of Religion, and Charles Franklin Treadway, of Hollandale, Miss.,

that the comparison was striking. Harris feels that he has made some lifelong friends in different parts of the country.

**Social Events:** That it might be fitting to this section of the country, a steak fry was the order of the day. Sioux City is one of the great meat packing centers, and juicy steaks are to be had in abundance. Five couples smoked about 20 steaks to a "rare" form and munched on them the rest of the night.

**Greetings:** Harris personally sends his greetings to all his friends everywhere. He thinks of you often and wishes for a sight at your face—no matter how ugly.

**Flash:** Headed overseas—see you after the war.

Stockholm (by Cable)—A new catechism for Norwegian schools has just been published by the church department of the Quisling administration, which alters the Fourth Commandment to read: "Thou shalt honor thy father and thy mother, but above above all thy Fuehrer, Vidkun Quisling."

majoring in Religious Education. A minimum of five years' work in the Seminary after graduation from a regular four-year college is required for the degree.

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## THE BAPTIST RECORD

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**Answers To  
Know Your Bible**

Feature on page 13.

1. (Bible heroine): Her name was Deborah, the prophetess. See Judges, chapter 4, for her great accomplishment.

2. (Animal that talked): It was Balaam's ass, the interesting talk being in Numbers 22:28, 29, 30.

3. (Bible): The name comes from the ancient Greek word "Bibliois," the literal translation meaning "book."

4. (Dominion of Canada): When self-government was granted to the provinces of Canada, the naming of the confederation became a problem. Many names were suggested, but, it seemed that none was acceptable. While reading his Bible, Sir Samuel Tilley found an inspiration in Psalms 72:8, which read, "He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth." Thus "dominion" was accepted as the name for Canada, and Psalm 72 became "The Psalm of Canada."

**RESOLUTION**

Whereas the Federal Government recently passed legislation levying a 5% Victory tax upon all citizens who receive a gross income of \$624.00 or more per year, and

Whereas the person or concern that employs and pays such citizens as affected by this tax is required by law to collect this 5% tax by withholding the same from the monthly wage or salary and to send the same to the proper governmental office, and

Whereas there is a prison sentence and a fine of \$1000.00 upon all persons or concerns who violate this law on the collection and disposition of this tax money, and

Whereas this law makes churches a tax collecting agency for the Federal Government and for violation subject to prison sentence and fine of \$1000.00, and

Whereas this law forces churches to compromise their God-ordained mission of a spiritual ministry, and

Whereas this law forces churches of Christ to go counter to the obvious teachings of the New Testament, the supreme law of the churches of Christ, and forces the churches of Christ to make a choice of sovereign between Christ and the Federal Government, and

Whereas this law makes very probable unfortunate conflict between churches and the Federal Government, involving many honorable, God-fearing and law-abiding citizens who are faithful to God and His Word, and

Whereas this law is a clear violation of that part of the Constitution of the United

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JOE DENSON, JR.  
W. O. LINDSAY

On Friday, October 30, the Tuscola community in Leake county received the greatest shock in its history. In the morning about 11 o'clock an accident occurred which took the life of Joe Denson, Jr., age 34 years. Death came as a result of a falling limb from which bales of cotton were being loaded on a truck. In the late afternoon W. O. Lindsay, age 90 years, died suddenly at his home while talking to some of the members of his family.

Brother Denson held membership with the Tuscola Baptist church. He was the

States that has to do with the "SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE," THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

I. That we, the members of the First Baptist Church of Pascagoula, Mississippi, assembled for regular Sunday morning worship, pledge ourselves to the loyal support of this tax measure, and

II. That we protest that part of the law that makes churches, even the churches of Christ, tax collecting agencies for the Federal Government of the United States, and

III. That we hereby request our representatives and senators to use the legitimate powers of their office and personal influence to modify this tax law so that some other agency than churches will be responsible for collecting and dispersing this tax as it may affect pastors and other paid church employees, and

IV. That a copy of these resolutions be sent Senator Theo. G. Bilbo, Senator-elect James Eastland, Congressman William Colmer; that a copy be sent the Chronicle-Star, a local weekly newspaper and The Baptist Record, a weekly religious paper of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, and that a copy be spread upon the minutes of our church clerk.

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munity's first settlers and had spent his entire life here. He had seen this settlement grow from a forest into a thriving community. He was a member of the Tuscola Baptist church and had served faithfully as one of its deacons until age prohibited. He is survived by his wife, six sons and two daughters.

Both funerals were conducted at the Tuscola Baptist church by the pastor, Rev. A. A. Ward. Burial was in the Tuscola cemetery. Brother Denson, Saturday afternoon, Oct. 31, and Brother Lindsay Sunday morning, November 1. my eternal salvation has given me a peace which nothing has been able

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U.  
ATTENDANCE**

West End	West Point	40	35
Olive Branch		65	47
Crystal Springs		316	138
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## CHANGES AMONG CHURCHES

## Called and Accepted

Clyde Aikman, Dixon Church, Oklahoma City, Okla.

J. E. Allbritton, Highland, Fairfield, Ala.

Pitman L. Allen, First, Weleetka, Okla.

Joe Allmon, First, Cornishville, Ky.

Claude Ammerman, First, Troy, Ala.

H. P. Amos, Alberta, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Y. L. Anthony, Valley Grove, near Tuscumbia, Ala.

M. B. Archibald, Liberty, Jacksonville, Fla.

Ambrose Bailey, First, McMinnville, Oregon.

Clayton Baker, Liberty, Summerville, Tenn.

Fite Barnette, Hill City, Ga.

Jennings Baggett, Highland Garden, Montgomery, Ala.

O. G. Barrow, First, Hearne, Tex.

S. P. Beard, First, Petersburg, Tenn.

Amos Barton, Upper Alton Ch., Alton, Ill.

John C. Blalock, Glenwood, Kingsport, Tenn.

A. S. Bentley, Butler, Ala.

Kenneth Bolinger, Lone Grove, Okla.

C. F. Booth, First, Aztec, N. Mexico.

Boyce Brooks, Clemson Ch., Clemson, S. C.

T. L. Brown, Forestville, Travelers' Rest, S. C.

Victor Brown, First, Chester, Ill.

James Browning, Tarkio, Mo.

H. D. Bruce, Pres. College of Marshall, Marshall, Texas.

D. A. Bryant, First, Goldthwaite, Tex.

## Resigned

J. L. Aders, Pratt City, Ala.

Roy O. Arbuckle, Boulevard Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.

M. B. Archibald, Athens, Ga.

O. G. Barrow, West Austin, Austin, Texas.

S. F. Beard, Kirkland Chapel, Fayetteville, Tenn.

A. S. Bentley, Columbiana, Ala.

T. J. Brown, Northside, Lafayette, La.

T. R. Brown, Beaucoup, Ill.

A. Judson Burrell, First, Millen, Ga.

O. P. Bush, Smithland, Ky.

E. W. Childers, Central & Cross Roads, Robeline, La.

Lawrence Cobb, Union, Miss.

L. D. Cochran, First, Lordsburg, N. Mexico.

Malcolm Collier, Matoaca Field, Virginia.

W. B. Cone, Salem Church, Raleigh Association.

E. LeRoy Dakin, First, Milwaukee, Wis.

Milton O. Davis, First, Falfurrias, Tex.

Carl A. DeVane, Highland Park, Chattanooga, Tenn.

F. R. Dill, Lexington, Texas.

W. J. Dorman, Carrollton Ave., New Orleans.

C. H. Dunaway, Sylvan Hills, Ark.

J. L. Dyess, Mayo, Fla.

E. H. Egge, Mt. Belview, Texas.

R. Archie Ellis, First, Landrum, S. C.

L. N. Epley, Valley Falls, S. C.

## Died

J. T. B. Anderson, Lakeland, Fla.

C. C. Archer, Vicksburg, Miss.

G. E. Bartlett, Columbus, Ohio.

W. C. Clay, Louise, Miss.

J. C. Cook, Summit, Mo.

George Gilbert Craft, Wayne, Pa.

M. M. Gurley, Okmulgee, Okla.

W. Y. Hunt, Valdosta, Ga.

W. J. John, Bryan Mawr, Penn.

Chas. A. Jones, Columbia, S. C.

J. W. Michaels, Fort Smith, Ark.

L. J. Mims, Baylor Hospital, Dallas, Texas.

Wm. F. Norman, Nevada, Mo.

J. H. Perkins, Edmond, Okla.

A. H. Porter, Silver City, N. C.

D. E. Steeley, Calico Rock, Ark.

L. D. Stucker, Frankfort, Ky.

W. L. Tubbs, Corsicana, Texas.

T. M. Ward, Jackson, Tenn.



\* Blue Mountain, Mississippi, December 2, 1942—Army invades campus of Blue Mountain College in the deep South. Students and lieutenants, left to right, are: Ruth Garcia, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Douglas Lott, North Bergen, New Jersey; Eleanor Grace Gates, West Hartford, Connecticut; Wilbur H. Lewis, Jr., North Longbranch, New Jersey; Lynne Whitehurst, Sheffield, Alabama; Edwin Blastow, Croton, Connecticut.

## CRUSADE AGAINST BEVERAGE ALCOHOL

John A. Farmer

## What Alcohol Is:

Alcohol is the WASTE PRODUCT of the yeast plant. (WHEW!)

Alcohol is a habit-forming, dehydrating, protoplasmic poison.

Alcohol is found in whiskey, about 50 per cent, wine, 13 per cent, and beer 5 per cent.

Alcohol is a narcotic; it is habit forming, hardest to break!

Alcohol paralyzes judgment.

## What Alcohol Is Not:

Alcohol is not a tissue building food. It contains no nitrogen to build up muscle and nerves, no mineral salts to form bones, no water.

Alcohol does not help digestion, as people who take cocktails before dinner think. It hardens food.

Alcohol does not relieve fatigue but rather delays our recovery from it. It only makes one feel better for a moment; afterward, we feel worse.

Alcohol does not make one "bright"; on the contrary it makes one silly. A person may think he is saying bright things but other people are laughing at him.

Alcohol does not prevent infections. People should not take it to prevent colds or to cure them, as it simply helps the cold germs to get a foothold in the body. It is not even good for snakebite. The poison of the snake and alcohol are very similar poisons and many people have died because they took alcohol after being bitten by snakes.

Let's kill it! This poisonous, soul-killing snake! ALCOHOL.

## Marion, N. C.—The Board of Aldermen

of this western North Carolina town has passed an ordinance aimed at intemperate side-walk preachers. The new ruling prohibits sidewalk services, except on designated vacant lots, and then only with written permission obtained in advance from the mayor. No alms, donations or other contributions of cash or commodities may be accepted legally. Singing or the playing of musical instruments to attract a crowd is also prohibited.

South America is barring the entry of "hundreds" of North American Protestant missionaries who were formerly active in the Orient and Japan, according to John W. White, newspaperman and author of "Argentina: The Life Story of a Nation." Writing in the December issue of the Catholic Digest, he states that "most" of the South American governments have filed that Protestant mis-

## A PERSONAL APPRECIATION OF THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

Being a visitor in the Baptist orphanage during a recent week-end, I feel in my heart the need of expressing my thankfulness to God for the wonderful blessings He has bestowed upon this place. I have never really known the deep, true meaning of the Baptist orphanage until this visit. I found that because of the great love and devotion for God and His work on the part of all those who carry it on, children are learning the very essentials of a true Christian life for Jesus. Also there is a most wonderful Christ-like spirit shown one who visits the home.

Because of what I have both witnessed and experienced, I can say from the very depths of my heart that I believe our Lord is using the Baptist Home to glorify His name and forward His work here among men.—Percy Renick.

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Mr. E. C. Williams was with Pastor J. B. Smith and the church at Hollandale in a S. S. Training School the first week in December.

sionaries are "undesirable aliens within the meaning of their new wartime immigration laws and are refusing them visas."

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## LET'S DO IT!

This extra amount will cause a major denominational enterprise to succeed before the next anniversary of the birth of our Christ. I believe every church will be willing to go this extra mile for CHRISTian education. Christ went farther than that for us.

Pastors and laymen, seek God's guidance in this.

FRANK L. FAIR, General Chairman  
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